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MAHATMA TO MEET JINNAH TO-DAY

Search For Restoration Of Peace In Land

Viceroy Succeeds In Bringing Leaders Together

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, May 5

Mahatma Gandhi is meeting Mr. Mahomed Ali Jinnah tomorrow afternoon. This meeting has been brought about by the 'Viceroy, Lord Louis Mountbatten when Gandhiji and Mr. Jinnah met' at the Viceroy's House yesterday. It is expected that the two leaders when they meet tomorrow will discuss the present situation in the provinces and ways and means of restoring peace.

MAHATMA GANDHI fondling with a small girl on his way to the prayer meeting at Delhi.

WAZIRIS AGAINST PAKISTAN

Free Tribesmen Present Their Case To Maulana Hussain Ahmed Madni

The following statement signed by about thirty influential tribesmen of Waziristan has been received by Maulana Hussain Ahmad Madani Sahib, President All-India Jamiat-I-Ulema-i-Hind, Delhi. It is dated 9 4 1947:—

To the SHEIKHUL ISLAM
HAZRAT MAULANA HUSAIN
AHMAD MADANI.

(1) On November 24, 1946 (A.D.) a large Jirga of the tribesmen of free Waziristan was summoned by the accredited leaders of the area. In that Jirga we explicitly declared that we would never suffer to remain under the authority of Britain and that as free people of free tribal area would never like to meddle with the internal politics of the Indians. We did not propose to support the move of Pakistan on the part of All-India Muslim League. Our sole aim, we then declared, was to see our land free from every British soldier.

(2) Many selfish Maliks of the paid Mahsudis are sending information to the British Government officials and men of All-India Muslim League, to the effect that Waziris do stand for Pakistan and oppose the establishment of the Consultative Committee. This is all wrong and has only emanated from self-interested maliks whose personal gains are in danger.

(3) We the people of free tribal area of Waziristan declare again, flying in the faces of these selfish Maliks, that we do not support Pakistan and want to intervene in the domestic politics of our Indian brothren.

(4) We welcome the Tribal Committee proposed by the Legislative Assembly of India and demand that in the interest of Waziristan they should communicate and consult and co-operate with us.

(5) We do support the demand of Mr. Abdul Ghani, M.L.A., (Central) that Political Department should, immediately, be abolished. We earnestly appeal to the National Interim Government of India to deliver us from this diarchy imposed upon us by British autocracy. On the contrary we have reserved to oppose it tooth and nail.

(6) We the people of free Waziristan can in no way tolerate this intervention on the part of the British Government and request the Interim Government of India to help us in the ejectment of the British Army from our land.

SIGNATORIES:

(1) Khan Parwana Khan Shamskhel. (2) Naib Salar Md. Musa Khan. (3) Shah Behram Khan Manzai. (4) Ameen Khan Shamskhel. (5) Kazi Amr Shah Holizai. (6) Moulvi Gul. (7) Moulvi Mohd. Roshan. (8) Mulla Qadam Khan. (9) Kazi Abid-ur-Rehman. (10) Moulvi Mohd. Jan. (11) Hyder Kai. (12) Muhabbat Khan Malkhail. (13) Habibullah Khan. (14) Sarwar Khan Warandgai. (15) Mohamad Husain. (16) Mazoongul. (17) Pazwar Abdullah. (18) Dawar Khan. (19) Mohammad Akram. (20) Abdullah Jan and others.

Viennese Factory Workers On Strike

VIENNA, May 5. (Reuter): Lightning strikes broke out in dozens of Viennese factories this afternoon and workers marched to Ballhausplatz—seat of the Government—chanting "we are hungry".

About 3,000 workers, including studio hands from Vienna Film Studios, jammed the square, while a delegation from inside prevented their demands to the Government.

Beginning For More Conferences

The United Press of India adds: The long-looked for meeting between Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. M. A. Jinnah will take place tomorrow.

On enquiries made in Gandhiji's camp, this information was corroborated, although the time and venue of the momentous meeting could not be ascertained.

From all indications, it is very likely that No. 10 Aurangazeb Road, Mr. M. A. Jinnah's New Delhi residence will be the venue of the discussions. Hopes are entertained that this meeting between the two leaders may close the sordid chapter of the Indian history of the last ten years, and usher in a new era of reconciliation and mutual understanding.

Observers here are disposed to regard to-morrow's meeting as likely to be the forerunner of a series of talks between the two leaders.

Soviet Spring Manoeuvres

VIENNA, May 5. (Reuter): Reports about Soviet spring manoeuvres in Austria puzzled Vienna to-day.

The French controlled Austrian newspaper "Welt Am Montag" quoted the Austrian Government Press Department for a story that 60,000 Red Army troops had reached Austria from Hungary to take part in the manoeuvres.

The Press Department, however, denied having issued the story and a high British officer describing the reports as "all bunk" said, "some new units with new uniforms have reached Austria as replacements but the overall number of troops is steadily decreasing".

STOP PRESS

ANGO-POLISH FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter): Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, announced in the House of Commons today that the British Government had decided to ratify the Anglo-Polish Financial Agreement—a step which a labour critic of Mr. Bevin's Foreign policy, Mr. William Warbe, described as "a great contribution towards promotion of better relations between Britain and countries in eastern Europe.

CHINESE "REDS" MOST DARING MILITARY CAMPAIGN

NANKING, May 5 (UPA): Chinese Communist forces embarked on the most daring military campaign since the end of the war—strategy which might decide the outcome of the civil war in China, semi-official reports said. The Communists are striking simultaneously in Shansi and northern Manchuria and are attempting to blast open a corridor from Shansi to Harbin.

5,000 KILLED IN CHINA FIGHT

NANKING, May 5 (Reuter). Chinese despatches from the Shantung battle-front claim an outstanding victory for the Government forces under General-Tang-En-Po which are said to have annihilated one and a half divisions of Communists, near Hsin Huang, about 50 miles northwest of the Communist capital, Linyi.

Government troops are reported to have inflicted heavy casualties, including 5,000 killed.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, Chief of the Nationalist Government, has returned from a secret visit to Sinan, capital of Shantung, Government sources disclosed.

Control Of Forward Trading In Bullion

Bombay Govt.'s Move: Mehta Meets Dealers' Spokesmen

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Government of Bombay, it is understood, contemplate taking early steps to control forward trading in bullion.

In this connection representatives of the bullion trade met Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Finance Minister at the Civil Secretariat today and had prolonged discussions with him.

MARCH EMERGENCY

It may be recalled that excessive speculative activity in the Bombay bullion market was criticised in the Central Assembly and the Bombay Government, after making certain changes in the form of contract, allowed forward trading in gold and silver. Soon after, however, the local bullion market developed serious difficulties and the Board of Directors of the Bullion Exchange in consultation with the Merchants' Committee and after taking the full sense of the General Body declared a state of emergency late in March. The emergency was for outstanding business for Vaisakh delivery. The Board also fixed ceiling prices—Silver, Vaisakh; Rs. 156 and gold Rs. 103.

Thereafter the working of the market continued smoothly and two pending clearings were gone through. But after that the Board of the Bullion Exchange without consulting either the General Body or the Merchants' Committee, lifted the "emergency". But there were lapses and extensive business above ceiling was reported.

INJUNCTION AGAINST BOARD

Against the decision lifting emergency, a member approached the High Court and secured an injunction against the Board, till June 26, when the whole question of the validity of the action of the Board will be heard by the High Court.

Meanwhile, the Government called representatives of both the sections in the market and asked them to suspend any fresh business in delivery beyond Vaisakh until a new contract was adopted and the whole constitution of the Bullion Exchange was revised and made thoroughly representative.

Today, the Finance Minister conferred with Bullion Merchants with a view to canvass various alternative proposals. The terms of a questionnaire to be issued to all interests concerned, are understood to have been discussed. It is envisaged that the control measures may ultimately proceed along the lines of proposals already made in respect of control of Futures trading in cotton, subject to such differences as may be necessary to suit the conditions of the trade.

CURFEW IN CITY AREA

BOMBAY, Monday.

Curfew has been ordered in one area in Bombay from today. The hours of curfew are from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. and the order, which will remain in force for seven days, applies to an area bounded on the west by Supari-bagh Road (exclusive), on the north by King Edward Road (exclusive), on the east by Hospital Avenue (exclusive) and on the south by Liston Road, (inclusive).

Plane Crashes Into Brahmaputra

GAUHATI, May 5 (API): An aeroplane on its return flight to Calcutta crashed this morning into the Brahmaputra River, the two pilots of the plane missing. There were no passengers aboad the plane.

Immediately after the crash a steam-launch hurried to the spot but no trace of the pilots could be found. The crash, it is stated, was due to the plane striking telegraph wires near Gauhati and Pandughat.

The plane last evening had brought the Assam Premier Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi and four members of the Constituent Assembly from Calcutta.

MAGIC COIN OF FREEDOM

Mahatma Says Salvation Of World Lies Through Truth And Non-Violence

NEW DELHI, May 5 (API): Mahatma Gandhi has issued the following statement to the Press:—

Sheth Cachalia, Honorary Secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress, cabled for a message on the rally which was to take place in Johannesburg of all the non-European races to take Union of South Africa on the question of racial disabilities in the Union. The question is most intricate and almost baffling. It is intricate enough when confined only to the Indian disabilities but the inclusion of all the races while logically correct is fraught with grave danger, if the struggle is not kept to the highest level and is not firmly based on truth and non-violence. I wanted to warn the organisers of the rally against rhetorical display or raising idle hopes and to advise them to carry on their demonstration with dignity and restraint. Let no one doubt that the salvation of all the exploited peoples of the earth and, therefore, of the world lies in the strictest reliance on the coin on whose one face is written "truth" and the other "non-violence" in large letters. Sixty years of experience has taught me no other method.

League Invasion Of Assam To Be Resisted At All Cost

Scheduled Castes Association's Resolve: Bardoloi's Appeal To "Save Homeland"

GAUHATI, MAY 4. (A.P.I.): MR. GOPINATH BARDOLOI, PREMIER OF ASSAM, SAID TODAY THAT THE DANGER WHICH WAS DESIGNED FOR ASSAM IN THE CABINET MISSION PLAN APPEARED TO HAVE RECEDED NOW, BUT ANOTHER DANGER FOMENTED BY LAWLESSNESS, DID EXIST. HE THEREFORE CALLED UPON EVERYONE IN ASSAM IRRESPECTIVE OF CASTE, CREED OR COLOUR "TO GIRD UP HIS LOINS AND SAVE HIS HOMELAND UNITEDLY.

Mr. Bardoloi was addressing the inaugural session of the All-Assam Scheduled Castes Association, which met here this evening under the presidency of Mr. Khagendra Nath Samaddar, M.L.A.

Mr. Bardoloi said that social inequalities born of prejudice in Hindu society must disappear in the new order of society that must spring up in a free India. In this connection he referred to the work of the Constituent Assembly, particularly on the subject of fundamental rights and stated that in a free India untouchability would become an offence.

The conference adopted resolutions (1) condemning "the Muslim League's invasion of Assam" and expressing its resolve to fight this attack to the last drop of blood and (2) supporting the eviction policy pursued by the Assam Government and urging the Government to carry out its plan fully.

By another resolution the conference demanded more weightage in the allocation of seats in the legislature for the Scheduled Castes in Assam on the basis of the single transferable vote and adult joint electorates.

The Government was requested to settle lands on landless scheduled castes and provide facilities for education and recruitment to Government appointments.

Better If British Quit India Now

MAHATMA'S CALL TO FACE FACTS OF SITUATION

Presence Of Foreign Power Only Hinders Change-Over

NEW DELHI, May 5. (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi, answering questions relating to the current situation in India and world affairs put to him by Doon Campbell, Reuter's Special Correspondent, made these points:

The communal division of India is not inevitable;

the British withdrawal—"one of the noblest acts in the history of the British nation if honestly and fully carried out"—must take place according to schedule irrespective of internal conditions;

the clause on the abolition of untouchability as incorporated in the Draft Constitution" registers the fact that a fundamental reform has taken place in Hindu society";

the United Nations Organisation, as presently constituted, is not in itself sufficient to maintain a lasting peace;

the Jews are damaging their case in regard to Palestine by resorting to violence.

Tribute To Viceroy

The Mahatma paid this tribute to Viscount Mountbatten: "The British have sent their great warrior and statesman as Viceroy to finish the great act".

Here are Mahatma Gandhi's answers:—

Question: Is the communal division of India inevitable? Will such division solve the communal problem?

Answer: Personally, I have always said No, and I say No even now to both these questions.

BETTER IF BRITISH GO TO-DAY.

Question: Do you subscribe to the opinion that Britain will be morally obligated to stay on in India if outstanding Hindu-Muslim differences have not been resolved by June, 1948?

Answer: This is a question that has never been put to me before. It would be a good thing if the British were to go to-day—thirteen months means mischief to India.

I do not question the nobility of the British Declaration. I do not question the sincerity of the Viceroy but facts are facts. Neither the British Cabinet nor the Viceroy, however outstanding he may be, can alter facts. And the facts are that India has been trained to look to British power for everything. Now it is not possible for India to take her mind off that state all of a sudden. I have never appreciated the argument that the British want so many months to get ready to leave. During that time all parties will look to the British Cabinet and the Viceroy. We have not defeated the British by force of arms. It has been a victory for India of moral force. Assuming, of course, that every word of what has been said is meant to be carried out, then the British decision will go down in history as the noblest act of the British nation. That being so, the thirteen months' stay of the British Power and British Arms are really a hindrance rather than a help, because everybody looks for help to the great military machine they have brought into being. That happened in Bengal, Bihar the Punjab, the North-west Frontier Province. The Hindus and Muslims said in turn let us have the British troops. It is a humiliating spectacle. I have said so often before but it does not suffer in value through repetition because every time I repeat, it gains force: the British will have to take the risk of leaving India to chaos or anarchy. This is so because there has been no Home Rule; it has been imposed on the people. And, when you voluntarily remove that rule there might be no rule in the initial state. It might have come about if we had gained victory by force of arms. The communal feuds you see here are, in my opinion, partly due to the presence of the British. If the British were not here, we would still go through fire no doubt, but that fire would purify us.

INDO-BRITISH FRIENDSHIP

Question: What sort of Indo-British relationship do you envisage after June, 1948?

Answer: I envisage the friendliest relationship between Britain and India assuming that a complete withdrawal takes place with complete honesty behind it—no mental reservation of any kind whatsoever.

REFORM IN HINDU SOCIETY

Question. Does the clause incorporated in the Draft Constitution on the abolition of untouchability in itself represent a great reform?

Answer: No. That clause does not represent a great or any reform. It registers the fact that a great revolutionary reform has taken place in Hindu Society. I confess that untouchability is not yet pulled out root and branch from the soil. Like the evil effects of the British connection, those of untouchability, a much older institution do not disappear in a flash. It may take some years perhaps before a stranger coming to India can say there is no untouchability in any shape or form.

NO LASTING PEACE.

Question: Do you believe the United Nations Organisation, as at present constituted, can maintain a lasting peace?

Answer: No. I fear the world is heading towards another showdown. It is a fear that permeates many minds. But if all goes well in India then the world may have a long peace. It will largely depend on the manner in which India takes it. And that will depend largely on British statesmanship.

Question: What is the solution to the Palestine problem?

Answer: It has become a problem which is almost insoluble. If I were a Jew, I would tell them, 'Don't be so silly as to resort to terrorism, because you simply damage your own case, which otherwise would be a proper case'. If it is just political hankering, then I think there is no value in it. Why should they hanker after Palestine? They are a great race and have great gifts. I have lived with the Jews many years in South Africa. If it is a religious longing then surely terrorism has no place. They should meet the Arabs, make friends with them, and not depend on British aid or American aid or any aid, save what descends from Jehovah.

DESERT IN INDIA SPREADING

Speed Half A Mile A Year

NEW DELHI, May 5 APA: The great Indian desert of Sind and Rajputana is spreading outwards to the north and east, at the rate of half a mile a year, the Forest Research Institute at Dehr Dun reported today.

The desert covers about 100 000 square miles, with desert conditions extending around it for another 100,000 square miles, the report said.

The Forest Research Institute asks the country to become "more forest conscious", pointing out that an area of 300 square miles was being added to the desert annually and that this, coupled with soil erosion in other sections, would affect the country's food problems.

The report asks that reafforestation be increased from 12 to 25 per cent, and says that cow dung, used as a fuel in India, is adequate to supply 13 per cent of India's manure needs.

AT BHANGI COLONY (right) Sardar Kartar Singh, Chamanlal, Tek Chand, Lahri Singh, Ujal Singh, Gopi Chand, Prithvi Singh Azad (left) Surendra Mohan Ghosh., K. Mukerjee and Shankar Ray —who saw Gandhiji in connection with the question of Bengal Partition.

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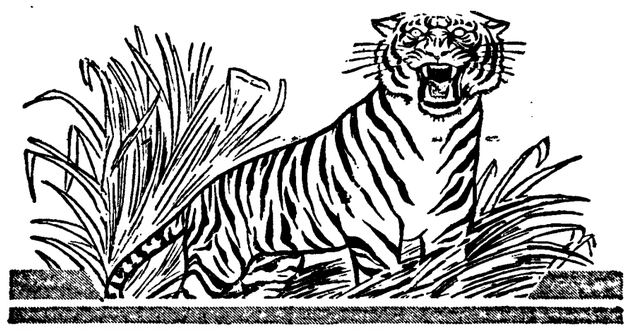

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Rebuilding War-Damaged Russia

Communist Leadership Has To Face Big Problems

(By John Hightower A.P.A. Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, May 4 (A.P.A.): The Russian people appear to be making prodigious efforts this spring to rebuild their war-damaged cities and towns and increase the production of their farms and factories.

Evidences of this show up not only in the press and periodic five-year-plan progress reports but also in the countryside. Evidences are visible for hundreds of miles along the railway that runs from Moscow through Smolensk to Brest-Litovsk, Warsaw and Western Europe.

After seven weeks in Moscow at the Foreign Ministers' Conference, I have just completed a trip over this railway, reaching London via Warsaw, Berlin, Brussels and Calais.

I travelled on a special train with the British Conference delegation and the four-day journey provided a study in contrasts between the Soviet Union and Poland, Germany, France and England.

Generally, the trip showed that the Soviet Union, despite the driving power of its Communist leadership and its ambitious economic plans, has still a long road ahead before reaching the industrial development of the Western Nations.

In Russia there are still countless tons of twisted steel wreckage of railway cars, locomotives, rails, tanks and lorries rusting along the railways and beside the black earth of newly ploughed fields. For scores of miles on the approaches to Smolensk bomb pits, shallow trenches and dug-outs still spred over the pasture lands.

There is little livestock in the fields between Moscow and Brest-Litovsk. New houses being built in the White Russian countryside are almost entirely of the log cabin variety. Virtually, no stone or brick construction is to be seen. Asphalt and concrete roads do not appear to exist there, and while a few roads have cobble stone surfaces. Most of them are rutted trails.

These observed facts help pose the problem of Russian recovery and industrialisation. They do not take into account work going forward in the great industrial areas except for factories seen around Moscow. In general, the Moscow factories are outmoded by the American standard. Reports reaching Moscow on reconstruction in the Don River basin and the Urals indicate steady progress.

Visible signs of rebuilding on the way out from Moscow to the West include the new log cabins, many miles of new telephone and telegraph lines under construction, the vast areas of land being put under cultivation. Here and there are bright splashes of new paint although most structures are weather-beaten and unpainted. Some bicycles may be seen in the country districts as well as large laden wagons and cars, but almost no passenger motor cars are to be seen outside Moscow.

By contrast, from the Polish border westward, most of the usable steel from wrecked war machines has been reclaimed. Ruined brick and stone houses dot the countryside but new buildings are going up in stone and brick as well as wood. The fields in the west are more intensively cultivated and have a more orderly appearance than those in Russia. Bomb craters seem to be pretty well ploughed under now.

There is more livestock visible in Poland than in Russia and motor-cars of all descriptions are more in use.

The great cities of Moscow and Leningrad were not nearly so damaged in the war as some in the west like Warsaw and Berlin. Most of the damage in Moscow is no longer visible. What does strike the Western visitor to the Soviet capital is the state of the old buildings which appear to be slowly falling to pieces and the muddy and often junk-filled courtyards even inside the towns.

Berlin is a wilderness city with hulks of buildings, broken and windowless, looking like skulls in the spring sun. But those living in Berlin, with a reduced population are less crowded than those in Moscow. Some building is going forward in Moscow, but not on the scale which the population requires for early relief from overcrowding.

WHAT SANE GURUJI WANTS TO DIE FOR

Achut Patwardhan Expounds Politics Of Fast

(From Our Correspondent.)

VILE PARLE, May 3.

'Every one you assembled here today can inject a breath of life into Maharastra's Sanay Guruji who has staked his life in the last endeavour to win the battle fought by our great rebel-saints' said Achhut Patwardhan addressing the mammoth meeting held here last night by the local Rastra Seva Dal organization. The meeting passed a resolution placing on record the deep anxiety and concern felt over the fast undertaken by Sanay Guruji at Pandharpur. Mr. Virchand Sheth presided.

REAL POLITIC OF EAST.

Only a few months earlier, Achhutrao reminded his audience, they had gathered at the same spot and were addressed by Sanay Guruji. A jungle of hands had sprouted in support of the ,cause championed by him. Yet they could not prevent the martyrdom of the man who throughout his life rated the cause of human justice and values of decent existence higher than his life. He did not want to blame the 'badvas' (temple-priests) of Pandharpur or the Congress Ministry, explained the speaker. The blame, in the last analysis, lay with every one of them.

While refuting the suggestion that the fast was being exploited to embarrass the Ministry, Achhutrao stressed the deep human and political significance of Sanay Guruji's gesture. Sanay Guruji belonged to the long line of the social rebels and saints of the country who for centuries fought to batter down the barriers of brahminical privilege and hegemony, superiority of one class over another, dominance of injustice over justice and the regime of inequality that throughout the country's history succeeded in stabilizing the system of slavery and national weakness.

OPEN YOUR HEARTS

This great malaise has had historic origin, said Achhutrao, and the curse haunted us from epoch to epoch from the days of Asok and Akbar right down to the present day when two-third of the country was retrieved from the stranglehold of foreign domination and political servitude. But could they maintain freedom, could freedom have any meaning—a freedom not backed by strength and popular sanctions holding in position a centralized system of governmental organization—if we allowed brother to be estranged from brother and this great country splintered into so many separate pieces?

The issue of the opening of the Pandharpur temple underlay the ssue of opening of the doors and hearts of the simple-minded peasantry in Maharastra to the Harijans. Pandharpur symbolized for these men a sanctity and psychological pressure that could not be appreciated by the urban population. The opening of the temple doors did not mean the whole battle because it did not imply that the drawing-rooms of the men of the city and the over-privileged would also be thrown open. But that could be attended to later. They wanted to begin with the men in the villages. They wanted to do it because we were and have always been a house divided against itself.

DEATH OF A HERO.

'All of us must die and it is a great thing to die for a noble cause as Sanay Guruji who has gambled with his life so frequently wants to do' said Achhutrao. But what he wanted to die for was to get them to open their hearts to those estranged from their own people. Sanay Guruji and others who shared his ideas wanted a radical change of heart. Our country was being cut to pieces and the process could be carried to any length. This was happening, said Achhutrao, because of the neglect of the ideal of human equality and justice on every level of socio-national existence. He did not want lip-sympathy and slogans, he wanted action, Achhutrao concluded.

JAM SAHEB ON HIS MISSION TO U.K.

KARACHI, May 5 (API.) The Jam Saheb of Nawanagar, who returned to Karachi last night in a Lancastrian plane from the United Kingdom, expresses the hope that an automobile industry would be started in his state "day". He told the A. P. I. that he had not given up the idea of establishing a full fledged industry in his state with the assistance of British experts.

Asked if he had any political object in visiting the U.K., His Highness said he had been purely on an industrial mission. He had met some members of the British Government, but the talks related to the establishment of an automobile industry in his state.

The Jaw Saheb and party left for Jamnagar this morning.

Industrial And Technical Secondary Education Committee

The Government of Bombay has appointed a Committee on the Industrial and Technical Secondary Education in the Province consisting of the following persons:

Mr. P. N. Joshi, Principal, Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay (Chairman), Mr. G. R. Paranjpe, Mr. S. P. Ogale, Mr. S. S. Desnavi, Mr. G. S. Paramsivayya, Mr. B. K. Muzumdar, Mr. V. D. Ghate, Deputy Director of Public Instruction and Mr. R. U. Patel, Deputy Director of Industries.

The Committee has been requested to submit its report within four months.

Morarji Desai Welcomed At Malegaon

(From A Correspondent.)

MALEGAON, April 29.

When Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Bombay, arrived in Malegaon on 27th April thousands of Muslims of Malegaon accorded welcome to him at the travellers' bungalow. The Minister drove to the motor stand where Muslim in large numbers had gathered to welcome him and many garlanded the Minister, on his arrival after awaiting him in the sunshine upto 12-0 mid-day. Those present joyfully shouted 'Long live Morarji Desai' and 'Inquilab Zindabad' and through these scenes the Minister drove on. At 6-0 p.m. the Malegaon Borough Municipality presented an address to the Minister on behalf of itself and the towns people. There was high enthusiasm in the public meeting held. Garlands from Muslims were presented in a great number.

SPAIN VS. EGYPT

MADRID, May 4 (Reuter): Spain won two singles matches in the Davis Cup contest here today.

Bartroli (Spain) beat Najar (Egypt) 6|3, 6|1, 6|3.

Szawoet (Spain) beat Shafei (Egypt) 6|2, 3|6, 6|4, 3|6, 6|4.

NADKARNI CUP

G.I.P. In Final

BOMBAY, Monday.

G.I.P. H.Q. 'A' 2
KARNATAK 0

By scoring a 2-0 victory over Karnatak in the second leg of the first semi-final in the Nadkarni Cup, the G.I.P. side qualified for the final of that event. As the result of the first leg was 4-0 in the favour of the winners the G.I.P. side entered the finals on an aggregate of 6 goals to nil.

The winners scored their goals in each half, James scoring the first and Tully the second. Midway through the second half Tully was led a penalty kick by putting the ball straight into the hands of Bhoja.

Play was extremely dull and utterly sloppy with not a single player contributing any liveliness to the game.

THE TEAMS:

G.I.P. A'—T D'Silva, C. Pavey and R. Almeida; G. D'Mello, B Duncan and R. D'Souza; B. Anaji, B Tambe, E. Tully, Shiva, S. James.

KARNATAK:—Bhoja; N. A. Kotian and D. K. Suvarna; Sheena Kotian, D. P. Puthran and Ramanand; S. J. Suvarna, S. K. Amin, Liladhar, Rajhavan and Shreepathy.

TUESDAY'S MATCH

Traders vs. Rangers (Second leg)

CRICKET SHIELD PRESENTATION

Sir Homi Modi will preside and present the Challenge Shield and Cups to the winners and the runners-up of the first year of the annual Cricket Tournament for Parsi Colonies organized by the United Parsi Association, at a function of the Association to be held at Green's Hotel on Friday, 9th May 1947 at 6 p.m.

Opportunity will also be taken to felicitate the Members of the Indian Cricket team for Australia. All those in Bombay, including India's captain, Vijay Merchant, R. S. Modi, K. M. Rangnekar and D. G. Phadkar, will attend the function. Sir Homi Modi will congratulate and garland them on behalf of the Association and the community. Mr. Vijay Merchant will speak on "Indian Cricket and India's Prospects in Australia".

Wimbledon Champion Withdraws From French Davis Cup Team

PARIS, May 5 (APA) Yvon Petra 1946 Wimbledon Champion who was operated upon recently for a minor throat ailment, has withdrawn from the French Davis Cup team and will not play against India in the first round match here on May 15, it was announced today.

Petra said he hoped his injured foot would be well enough to resume practice within the next two weeks, but that he would not be in condition for the competition.

He hoped to be in shape to defend his Wimbledon title when the cream of the tennis world will assemble on June 23.

France's Davis Cup team will be made up of Marcel Bernard, currently touring in North America, Pierre Belliza, Bernard Destremeau, and Robert Abd-es-Salam.

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Today's Engagements

CONGRESS SEVA DAL CAMP: Officers and volunteers of the Congress Dal joining the Summer Training Camp are to be present at Congress House today at 7-30 p.m. (S.T.), for final instructions.

BHULABHAI'S 1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Public meeting to-day (Tuesday), at 6 p.m. (S.T.), at the Congress House. Shri S. K. Patil, will speak on the life and work of Shri Bhulabhai J. Desai.

TAGORE'S BIRTHDAY: Members of the India Culture League will commemorate the 85th Birthday of Visva-Kabi Rabindranath Tagore on Friday, at Vanmali Hall B.B. &. C.I. Dadar at 7 p.m. when prominent speakers will speak on different aspects of the Poet's life. A short programme of recitations and songs will enliven the occasion.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY: Meeting today at Green's Hotel, First Floor Sir Fredrick Tymms will talk on "Civil Aviation".

GATHA SOCIETY MEETING: Today (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute Hall, Apollo Street. Dasturji Bode will give a summary of Gatha Gasna.

Scholarships For Muslim Students

The following 18 scholarships for higher education are at the disposal of the Anjuman-i-Islam, Bombay and will be awarded to poor and deserving Muslim students. Applications with full particulars should be made to the Assistant Secretary Anjuman-i-Islam 92, Hornby Road, Bombay before 20th June, 1947 for the prescribed form.

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Weather News For Farmers

Forecast till Wednesday morning: Rainless weather. Outlook for further 2 days: No large change.

TODAY ON RADIO

TUESDAY, May 6.
BOMBAY—1.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. SKar Kalika (Orchestral) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Haripada Chaudhary (Flute) 8-45 Amritlal Navsariwala (Gujarari Geet) 9-0 Moghubai Kurdikar. 12-0 p.m. Akashwanine Chhotare (G) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Pakke Gane 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music 4-20 D. G. Marathe 4-40 Y. W. Ranade 5-0 Haripada Chadhary (Flute) 5-15 G. D. Agni 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Haji Mohammad (Gujarati songs) 6-30 Madan Mohan (Thumri) 6-45 D. G. Marathe 7-0 G. D. Agni 7-30 Dnyansamshodhan 7-45 Gujarati Songs 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Mangalnun Ghar 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 The Toilers Talk by N. V. Phadke 10-0 Nergez and Dolly Driver (Piano) 10110 Music of Latin America 10-25 Theodore Challapine 10-30 Esther Trindade 10-45 Adrian De Mello: Violin.

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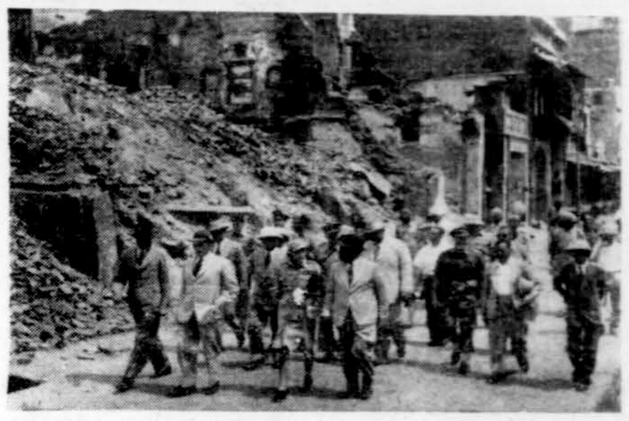

Lady Mountbatten, Sir Evan Jenkins, Governor of the Punjab and party walking through a riot-affected area in Amritsar.

ALLEGED THEFT OF GOVT. CANVAS CLOTH

Five Persons Arrested

BOMBAY, Monday: Ramji Kanji, Ratilal Dwarkadas, Jamnadas Jesingh, Gordhandas Liladhar and Hansraj Liladhar who were arrested on Saturday and Sunday by the Anti-Corruption Branch in connection with alleged theft of Government canvas cloth worth about Rs. 54,000 were produced today before Mr. J. M. Barrot, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court.

In consequence of certain information that some Government canvas cloth was stored and sold in the shop of one Hemraj Ramji & Co. at Masjid Bunder Road, the Police raided the place. As a result of the search, they recovered canvas cloth of about 10,000 yards valued at Rs. 12,000 and sealed it. When demanded by the Police the owner of the shop produced three bills from some faked firm for 48934 yards of cloth to the value of Rs. 54482-1-0. On enquiry accused No. 5 was found to be responsible for all these transactions of cloth pertaining to these three bills.

It is said to have been ascertained that accused No. 5 obtained several lakhs of yards of canvas cloth belonging to Government through some military officer and also another person who is supposed to have wide connections with some mills. Both of them are yet to be traced.

The Magistrate ordered the accused to be remanded in police custody.

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Economy Restrictions To Apply

It has been noticed that certain publishers, printers and manufacturers of exercise books and other articles of stationery are using imported paper in addition to the quota of paper to which they are entitleld under the Paper Control (Economy) Order 1945.

It is announced for general information that imported paper is intended to supplement the supplies of indigenous paper available for consumption by all types of consumers and is as much subject to the economy restrictions on consumption as indigenous paper. Use of imported paper outside the quota permissible uder the Paper Control (Economy) Order, 1945 will therefore, be in contravention of the Provisions of the order.

Death Certificates Of Pilgrims To Hejaz

A Government Press Note says: The Government of India have decided to issue certificates in respect of deaths that occur among Indian pilgrims in the Hejaz through the Commonwealth Relations Department in future. This will be with retrospective effect from 1939. Certificates with regard to deaths on board pilgrim ships will also be issued in future by the same department.

Persons desirous of obtaining such certificates should apply to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Commonwealth Relations Department with a fee of eight annas, either in the form of a Treasury receipt or by Money Order.

KATHIAWAR PRAJA SAMMELAN

BOMBAY, May 5.

Brisk preparations are apace for the holding of Kathiawar People's Convention at the end of this month in Bombay. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya is to preside over the said session.

The Convention is going to be held to organize the people of Kathiawar residing in Bombay, for asking for one administrative unit for the whole of Kathiawar and for opposing various schemes of confederation sponsored by one or other chief in Kathiawar to perpetuate unbridled autocracy and to crush the press of communalism that are gaining ground in Kathiawar.

Sjt. Samaldas Gandhi, Editor-'Vandemataram' has been elected Chairman of the Reception Committee. Various sub-committees have been appointed. Members of the Reception Committee are being enrolled. Fee for membership is Rs. 5. Provisional offices for the Convention have been opened at "Vandemataram", "Janmabhoomi". At the same time an exhibition of the Arts and Crafts of Kathiawar is going to be held.

No Abuse Of Leaders Of Communities In Press

At the invitation of the Home Minister of the Government of Bombay, the editors of newspapers in the City met him at the Secretariat on Saturday.

There was a frank and cordial discussion on the desirability of eschewing certain material from the news and views columns of the Press with a view to easing the communal situation in the country.

The meeting then unanimously resolved "that the use of insulting and abusive language about the leaders of respective communities and the representation of the Government of India or any local Government as the enemy of any particular community tends to inflame communal ill-feeling and that such writing should not be published."

Sub-Division Of Amalgamated Agricultural Dept.

The Government of Bombay considers that the work and activities of the Agricultural Department have expanded so considerably that they cannot be efficiently supervised by a single Director. It is also desirable that the work of the Veterinary Department should be amalgamated with that of the Livestock and Dairy Development Sections of the Agricultural Department. In order that the amalgamated Agricultural Department may work efficiently and with proper supervision, the Government has decided that it should be sub-divided into the following four sub-departments, each under the control of a Director:—(1) Agriculture (Extension), (2) Agriculture (Research and Education), (3) Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science, and (4) Agricultural Engineering.

The Agricultural Commissioner will be the Controlling Officer and he will co-ordinate the control the activities of the four sub-departments.

Corporation Committee Elections

BOMBAY, Monday: In the Bombay Municipal Corporation today, Sardar Pratap Singh, Mr. T. H. Sonavane and Mr. B. C. Modi were elected Members of the Improvements, Schools and Markets and Gardens Committees of that body respectively, in the vacancies caused by the resignation of Messrs. K. A. Subramanyam, G. N. Desai and V. R. Tulla.

Government House News

BOMBAY, May 5.

The Governor of Bombay received the Hon. Mr. C. H. Bhabha, Member of Governor-General's Cabinet for Works, Mines and Power.

His Excellency and Lady Colville gave a lunch party at Government House. The Hon. Mr. C. H. Bhabha, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Kirpalani, The Rt. Revd. Dr. V. Gracias, The Hon. Sir Shantidas Askuran Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Bakhle, Sir Shapoorjee and Lady Billimoria, Sir Sorab and Lady Saklatvala, Sir Rustom and Lady Masani, Major D. V. Deane, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Patel, Khan Bahadur Mahomed D. Alibaksh Siddiki, Mr. C. W. E. Arbuthnot, Dr. H. J. Bhabha, Mr. H. V. Hampton, Mr. P. Mcknight, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Moos, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Rustam S. Powvala.

His Excellency and Lady Colville gave a dinner party at Government House. The following guests were invited:— The Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. M. C. Chagla, The Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. G. B. Rajadhyaksha, The Hon. Mr. J. M. B. Gibbons, Sir Ardeshir and Lady Dalal, Sir Frederick and Lady Tymms Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Daphtary, The Revd. Canon T.R.H. and Mrs. Elliot, Mr. A. P. Sanavala, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Vyas, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gwilt, Colonel and Mrs. G. J. Armstrong, Captain and Mrs. M. P. Harvey Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Jelal M. Shah, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brown, The Revd. Canon L. B. Butcher, Mr. A. Porrington, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Whitby.

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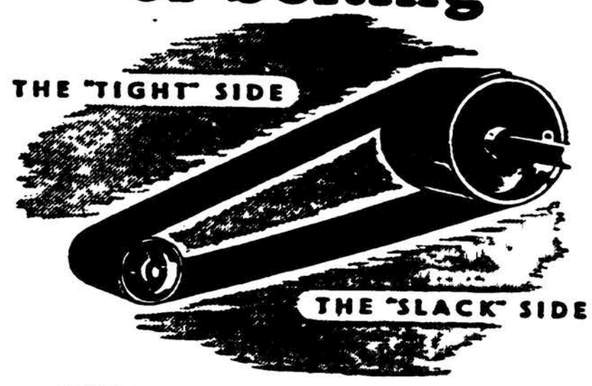

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Fear of war is used to justify armaments; armaments increase the fear of war; and the fear of war increases the likelihood of war.

—Bertrand Russell.

The Bombay Chronicle

FUTURE OF INDIAN INSURANCE

That high costs and low yields constitute the two blades of the scissors which between them threatened to cut short the prospects of Indian insurance has once again been emphasised in the latest issue of the Indian Insurance Year Book. A steady rise in costs from 27.4% in 1941 to 32.2% in 1945 has been recorded. The rate of average yield on the investment of life companies, which constitute by far the most important section of insurance business in India, registered a steady fall from 4.17% to 3.48% during the same period. The ratio of expenditure is, of course, higher than the average for the smaller companies, who also are the worst sufferers from a lowering of the yield. In so far as higher costs are the consequence of top-heavy and competitive management the remedy lies with the life-offices themselves. In insurance business, more than in any other business, a fairly large size is indicated as an optimum, and in their own as well as in the interests of the policy-holders it is high time that a process of amalgamation among the smaller companies was initiated. A bill for the amendment of the Indian Insurance Act now before the central legislature proposes to restrict by law the maximum of expense ratios for large and small companies. This, indeed, is a move in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that it will lead to the much desired end of increasing the size of an insurance unit. It may, however, be necessary if these expectations are foiled, to resort to more positive steps so as to eliminate the uneconomic units by integration among themselves, if they are not to be a source of anxiety to themselves and to the large body of comparatively poor and uninstructed policy-holders who are their clients.

As regards the lowering of yield the principal factor is the gradual lowering of the borrowing rate of Government. It is refreshing, though somewhat unusual, to find direct criticism of the financial policy of the State in a publication issued under the authority of Government itself. The Superintendent of Insurance writing about the influence of the cheap money policy of the Government of India on the financial position of the insurance companies observes: "It is true that cheap interest rates will save the country large sums on its borrowings and will help schemes of reconstruction. This, however, production is stepped up the pursuit of a cheap money policy will force the prices up and the value of money down. As against the advantages accruing to Government by a pursuit of this policy has to be set the fact that it will have to pay more for almost every commodity that it buys and for every service that it employs." This is sound criticism and it must logically be carried one step nearer to insurance business. Cheap money policy has not only affected the income side of insurance business but by its inflationary effect on prices and wages has raised the expense ratio as well. While our insurance companies have much to answer for by way of inefficient and uneconomic organization, it must be recognised that the financial policy of Government in recent years has been extremely short-sighted and thoroughly unmindful of the larger interests of the country as a whole. Not only insurance, but all business, at least all legitimate business, is hovering precariously between the assured prospect of increasing costs and the very uncertain prospect of profitable trade. The Government itself is not immune from this nemesis of inflationary finance, though it might use its sovereign authority to pass the burden on to the tax-payer. In addition to reforms of the insurance law designed to widen the scope of permissible investments by insurance companies, the impact of Government policy on business, as a whole, requires to be reviewed on a high expert level.

One method of stabilising and improving the profitableness of insurance business is the diversification of service so as to take in non-life along with life business. The field of the more remunerative business is still dominated by foreign, especially by British, business. It ought to be possible, as it is undoubtedly desirable, to curtail the freedom of operations of foreign concerns in Indian business. The constitutional limitations that hitherto operated to check legislative action are not calculated to last much longer. Instead of taking this direct route to the nationalization of Indian insurance it is being suggested in some quarters that insurance business should be state-owned and state directed. It is interesting, but in this case not surprising, that the official head of the insurance department of Government should assist the further discussion of the proposal by a tabulated summary of the arguments for and against. For an intelligent appreciation of the issues involved it is necessary to ask ourselves the question whether the ills from which the insurance business is suffering are calculated to be removed by State ownership and direction. On the question of yield while the Government is insisting on cheap rates it is futile to expect that investments at the hands of a State Director of Insurance are likely to be any more profitable than what they would be under private management. In fact as the State will not invest in any but public channels the yield is likely to be lowered. On the expenditure side the tempo of wage and administrative rates in Government departments is just now so much on the upgrade that the prospect of paying all the staff of insurance service at anything like the official rates is appalling. As against this assured prospect of lower yield and higher cost, the only advantage would be in elimination of duplicate services. This advantage can be substantially secured by raising the size of the average insurance firm, which will supply just that element of initiative and zeal which a Government department will never possess. Insurance has been turned into a department of the State either for revenue or for social reasons. We do not think that in the present context of insurance in India any body can suggest insurance as a source of revenue, say, as a substitute for the salt monopoly which is to be terminated. As regards social service it is the social insurance end,—unemployment, sickness, old age etc.,—which private insurers cannot tackle that has given a fillip to schemes of State insurance. For several reasons this seems to be a distant prospect in India. For the present protecting Indian insurers in their own land, inducing them to raise the size of the average unit, controlling the wasteful practices followed by some among them, and ensuring a reasonable return to them either by diversifying their investments or by giving them adequate tax reliefs ought to be the objects of State policy in relation to insurance business. The times ahead for insurance are far from reassuring. The recent increase in total business as the official report records has been at the cost of quality. Steady and remunerative employment is with us so rare that at the best of times Indian insurance can only be moderately thriving. In the context of a forthcoming depression a realistic and helpful policy towards the insurance companies would be an aid not only to their own stability but to that assurance which their policyholders are entitled to expect.

Frankly Speaking

A Welcome Move

The British Government had drawn up a constitutional plan for British East Africa under which Africans and Indians were given equal representation in the legislature with "Europeans". Considering the fact that Africans and Indians constitute an overwhelming majority of the population, to reduce them together to the level of equality with an infinitesimal minority of Europeans was itself a denial of democracy and submission to the concept of imperialism by the Labour Government. But even worse happened subsequently. Even that undemocratic concession to Africans and Indians was withdrawn by the Labour Government under European pressure. The Labour Government scrapped its own plan and substituted one that was acceptable to Europeans and which ensured their unchallenged domination over the territory. It is a significant commentary not so much on the designs and intentions of Britishers in East Africa as on British Labour's attitude towards Britain's so-called African possessions. In the circumstances Africans and Indians have decided to form a united front against the British plan. This is a welcome move. In fact, we would regard the conduct of East African Britishers and the Government as almost a blessing in disguise if it helped to cement bonds between Africans and Indians and enabled them to live and work in a spirit of brotherhood and indentity of interests.

Questions For Caroe

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, too, has posed the question as to why the Governor should want to enforce in the North-West Frontier Province a different policy from that pursued in other provinces.—In this connection we must again recall the case of Sind. The Governor and those who agree with him have no reasonable or just answer to this question. Meanwhile, the report issued by Acharya Jugul Kishore, a General Secretary of the Congress and Dewan Chamanlal a leading Congress Member of the Central Assembly, deserves attention. They are not irresponsible men. But, even apart from that, they make categorical and definite allegations, which, by their very nature, are so serious as to demand urgent investigation and explanation. We refer only to one. As they say, the happenings at Dera Ismail Khan are an eye-opener. The Ministry had practically put down the League agitation in the district. How was it revived with such disastrous and terrible results for the inhabitants? Here is what Acharya and Dewan Chamanlal say:—

"In this situation secret meetings were held, people imported from the Punjab and other areas and definite information was conveyed to the authorities of the impending disaster. As it was known that the so-called civil disobedience movement having failed, resort would be had to violence repeated orders were issued by heads of civilian administration for the arrest of ring leaders and repeatedly these orders were disobeyed by police officials."

What was Sir Olaf Caroe doing all this time? Did he know what was impending and did he know how the Ministry was being flouted? If so what did he do to help and assist his Ministers? They are important questions and have a vital bearing on the controversy that has developed as to whether the Khan Sahib Ministry should remain in office or not.

Suhrawardy Pulled Up

Maulana Mahomed Akram Khan, the President of the Bengal Provincial Muslim League, has sharply pulled up Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, the League Premier, Mr. Abul Hashim, the Provincial League Secretary and other League leaders of their way of thinking or rather of talking. These gentlemen startled by the logical consequences of their own Pakistan tune, which inevitably produced its own echo of partition of Bengal, decided to change the tune entirely. They dropped the theories of "Muslim Nation" and "Pakistan" in favour of a "Bengalee Nation" and sovereign, independent Bengal and started shouting the latter with the same old loudness and affected gusto as they had done the former slogans. The facility with which these gentlemen changed their whole principle and invented an entirely new one to fit in a situation which they were not expecting, was both amusing and amazing. It deceived no one but only exposed their blatant opportunism.

What It Proves

The change of front was, however, very certainly a betrayal of the very basis and ideal of the Muslim League, which has shocked the Provincial League President's sense of loyalty and decency. He has, therefore, reemphasised the ideal of the Muslim League which is not "a Bengalee nation consisting of Hindus and Muslims and a separate, sovereign Bengal" but "a single, united Muslim Nation" and "the establishment of a sovereign Muslim National State comprising the six units of the Punjab, Sind, N-W.F.P. Baluchistan, Bengal and Assam." The consistency, straightforwardness and honesty of Maulana Akram Khan's statements affords a refreshing contrast with those that have been so enthusiastically and agitatedly made by Messrs. Suhrawardy and Abdul Hashim. It is very welcome. But, of course, at least equally important fact about Maulana Akram Khan's intervention is that, if he effectively exposes the change of front by Messrs. Suhrawardy and Abdul Hashim, it also and even more effectively reinforces the justification for the exclusion of Assam, western Bengal and Eastern Punjab from the "Sovereign Muslim National State". But then that is no more than the simple logic of the Muslim League's own political theory

INDONESIA'S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

Exhibition To Be Held In Bombay

Messrs. B. A. Ubani and B. C. Samah write:—

The Indonesian Information Service, with the co-operation of members of the Bombay Friends of the Soviet Union, is holding an exhibition at Aryan High School, near Opera House, Girgaum, on 9, 10, 11 May 1947. This exhibition was brought by the Indonesian delegation to the Inter-Asian Relations Conference, and was exhibited at a reception given by the Indonesian delegation in honour of all the delegates to the Inter-Asian Relations Conference in Delhi.

The exhibition gives within its limited scope an all-round aspect of the national expression of the Indonesian people for a free and prosperous nation.

The political aspect of it depicts how the Republic was proclaimed, defended against all attempts by the Dutch to re-colonise her again, and how her work for national reconstruction is carried on in the midst of a severe blockade imposed by the Dutch naval forces and "incidents".

The struggle of the Indonesian people as a part of the struggle of the oppressed and colonial people against imperialist domination is strongly supported by the Asian peoples and the progressive forces of the imperialist countries. Photographs of the progressive peoples in action to defend the young Republic are amongst the exhibits.

The cultural aspects and heritage of the Indonesian people form an important collection. Works of art for which Indonesia is famous i.e "batik", "wajang kulit" (characters of the Indonesian shadow play from the Javanese and Indian epics made from leather), wooden busts from Bali, silverworks, etc., complete the exhibition.

We hope that through such exhibitions, we would be able to fully inform the Indian people of the struggle and aspirations of the Indonesian people, and strengthen the cordial relations which have been cemented in the last centuries.

Last but not least we would like to express our thanks to Mrs. M. Lam, the Sheriff of Bombay, who has kindly consented to open the exhibition.

Sardar Explains Objects Of New Labour Organisation

Progressive Elimination Of Political And Economic Exploitation

NEW DELHI, May 5 (API): THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEWLY FORMED INDIAN NATIONAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF LABOUR WORKERS WHICH MET UNDER THE PRESIDENTSHIP OF SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

AIMS OF ORGANISATION

Among the objects of the new body are the progressive elimination of social, political and economic exploitation and inequality, the profit motive and anti-social concentration of power in any form; to place industry under state ownership or control; to ensure full employment; to secure the increasing association of workers in the administration and control of industry; and the promotion of the civic and political interests of workers.

The I.N.T.U.C. will try to secure a nation-wide organisation of all categories of workers in each industry and assist in the formation of Trade Union. It will work for the improvement of conditions of work and life for the workers.

A.I.T.U.C.'s PART

Winding up the proceedings Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel wished the new organisation all success and said that those who ran the Central and Provincial Governments today belonged to the people and they welcomed helpful criticisms but that the part played by the All-India Trade Union Congress was merely to make efforts to discredit the Government, misrepresent their intentions and run down their efforts. An instance in point was that even before the recommendations of the Pay Commission were out, the Railway employees were being provoked in an irresponsible manner for strikes. The new organisation he said had to build in the country sound organisations which may serve labour properly and help them in securing justice by constitutional means. It was not an easy task and they would have to advance step by step and evolve a real consciousness which was entirely different from a temporary phase of excitement.

Government itself had to face demands from its own employees.

It was however open to the employees to approach the labour member, make proper representation and, if need be, settle difference by arbitration. Those who represented India in world conferences on behalf of labour had rendered disservice to the country since they merely represented their party and not the people. The I.N.T.U.C., he hoped would, while trying to secure justice for workers, behave in such a manner that the industry did not suffer due to irresponsible and impossible demands. He also desired that the Indian States should receive the same attention as British India since they could not afford to neglect labour in the States.

PROVINCIAL CONVENERS

The Provincial Executive Committee of the Indian National Trade Union Congress appointed the following persons as the conveners for the different province to constitute Committees for their own province and secure affiliations on Trade Unions in the provinces to the Indian National Trade Union Congress.

Bombay: Mr. G. D. Ambekar, Maharashtra: Dr. Antrolikar, Karnatak: Mr. Divaker, Gujarat: Mr Vasavad, Tamil Nad: Mr. J. Ramchandra Iyer, Andhra: Mr. Giri, Nagpur, Berar and Mahakoshal: Mr. P. Y. Deshpande, U.P.: Mr. Surajprasad Awasti, Punjab: Mr. Amarnath, Bengal: Mr. Devan Sen, Assam: Mr. Prandedia Babu, Sind: Mr. Sidhwa, Central India: Mr. Dravid.

The Committee also decided to depute Mr. Vasavada and Mr. Dravid to visit different parts of the country and secure affiliations.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Vivisection Of India

Sir,—The very first article of the constitution of the Indian National Congress runs thus: OBJECT—Article I—"The object of the Indian National Congress is the attainment by the people of India of Purna Swaraj (Complete Independence) by all legitimate and peaceful means"

According to Article III the primary membership of the Congress is open to any person of the age of 18 years and over who believes in Article I. It is, therefore, amazing that Congressmen, Congress leaders and members of the Working Committee of the Congress should be a party to any negotiations for the partition of India or for the vivisection of this great country.

Before embracing the scheme of the partition of India, Congressmen must get the name of the Indian National Congress changed to the "Two—Nation Congress of India" and Article I of its constitution should also be changed accordingly.—Yours, etc.,

ADI K. MUNSHI.

Dutch Tactics In Indonesia

In the last few days various reports have been published on East Indonesia and West Java, which are intended to give a wrong impression of the true situation in Indonesia. After the signing of the Linggardjati Agreement, which recognises the "de facto" sovereignty of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in Java, Madura and Sumatra, comprising 60 million of the 70 million of the Indonesian people, and which provides for the co-operation between the Netherlands Government and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the formation of democratic form of Governments in the other islands i.e. Borneo and East Indonesia, the Netherlands Government has been busy forming puppet Government like that of East Indonesia in those areas where their military-power is still predominant. This is a violation of the Linggardjati Agreement and the last attempt of the Netherlands Government to reimpose their colonial rule in Indonesia.

The Agreement also provides that the Dutch military forces now occupying some Republican territories are to be gradually withdrawn and completed not later than 1st January 1949. But with the backing of their military forces the Dutch are trying to set up as many Quislings in those territories as possible. Under the slogan of "free expression" the Dutch are trying to show to the world that West Java desires to separate itself from the Republic. It is important to note that this "West Java" is actually confined to Bandung, a small town occupied by the Dutch. The Pasoendan Movement, which sponsored this separatist movement, is formed by the Dutch Quislings and relies on the Dutch bayonetts for its support.

This attempt to creat a false impression in the international world that the people of "West Java" is not behind the Republic, at a moment when the discussion for the implementation of the Agreement is going on, is meant to distract the attention of the international world from the real issue of the Agreement and to weaken the international support for the Republican cause. For the success of the Agreement, the Dutch should abstain from playing their "divide and rule" game, and should immediately withdraw their armed forces from and stop sending more troops, to Indonesia and lift the blockade that they are imposing on the Republican territorial waters resulting in a great loss to the prosperity of the world.

B. C. SAMAH.
(for the Indonesian Information Service.)

Vanaspati Controversy

Sir,—Much has appeared in papers concerning this subject but so far we have not read anything convincing concerning this vital subject except some uninformed criticism. The statements made in the Central Legislature have created in the minds of a large number of consumers of Vanaspati a great deal of apprehension and it is, therefore, desirable that the press should play its part in establishing the real truth.

As your readers are aware, the price of "ghee" at present ruling in the bazaar is quite beyond the means of the middle class of consumers and quality that is available is not quite above suspicion. Vanaspati has played a very important part during the past 8 years in solving the problem of the house-wife in regard to the cooking medium for the following reasons:—

1. It is sold practically at less than half the price of "ghee."

2. It reaches the consumer in an extremely hygeienic condition and free from dirt and contamination.

3. It is more palatable and pleasing than crude oil.

4. The consumer is left in no doubt as to the product he is buying.

To my knowledge hundreds of homes in India are used to Vanaspati as a cooking medium for nearly quarter of a century and have suffered from no ill-effects. The experiments carried out on rats under un-natural condition in the laboratory frequently give results which cannot be correlated with the normal conditions of human existence. Vanaspati is being used by millions of people in Europe and America in the form of margarine in place of butter for well over half a century and it is incredible that people in those countries have in any way suffered from ill-effects.

Hydrogenated oil was prescribed in western countries as a cooking medium and bread after extensive scientific tests and practically lacs of tons are being consumed annually.

It may interest your readers to know that at the recent Government of India Food & Nutrition Exhibition opened by Hon. Food Member, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, included a chart of diets suggested by the Imperial Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi depicted a tin of Vanaspati against the daily requirements of 2 oz. fats and oils. Among the articles categorised as rich in carbohydrates, butter, cocoanut oil and margarine were included.

At the present moment the public is greatly inconvenienced as Vanaspati has completely disappeared from the market and those who advocate the use of crude oil for domestic use do not seem to realise that there are so many Indian dishes which would become quite unpalatable if prepared in oil. The ghee of course is there but who is certain of its purity, and how many people can afford to pay the price?

Much has been said on this subject by many who have little knowledge of scientific facts connected with this industry and the public is bewildered by such controversy. Will the authorities throw some light on this subject? Yours etc.

R. J GANDHI

A Way Out

Sir,—I am neither a Congressman nor a Muslim Leaguer but I admire both Gandhiji and Jinnah Sahib for their great following. I, however, differ from them both in their approach to solve the political problem of India. I submit that the real solution of India's problem lies in guaranteeing to the minorities, specially the Muslims, that they shall not be coerced by the majority. At present Muslims are afraid that Hindus with their overwhelming majority will swamp them out of existence and Hindus on their side feel that Muslims are allowed full latitude to fight vehemently with them in order to show to the World that Indians can never agree among themselves. Separate electorates introduced the seed of dissension between different communities, and Provincial autonomy without a strong Centre has made it difficult to keep law and order in the Country.

In my opinion the only way to bring about an honourable and amicable settlement between all the parties is to have:—

(1) Joint electorates with adequate representation to the minorities to enable them to safeguard their own interests.

(2) Coalition Government both at the Centre and all Provinces with extra seats to the minorities in each province for Central as well as provincial services over and above their legitimate share in proportion to their population.

I suggest that an All-Parties Conference may be summoned at an early date to decide these two all-embracing issues and I hope that Indians themselves will solve their political problem in a spirit of give and take when they sit together as friends to understand each other.—Yours, etc.

U. K. SUJAN.

Karachi.

BALLET IN INDIA

BY RADHAKHAN

The story of Indian dancing is probably even older than time itself. The ancient Indian myth that the art of Indian dancing arose when God Shiva, after killing the demons Andhaka and Asiliasura, made certain expressive movements, which he and his consort Parvathi, commenced the art of dancing, may be turned down as incredible, but the fact remains that the tradition of classical dance in India is not less than three thousand years old. According to the myth this art passed down from Shiva to Sanatha and then ultimately to Shiva, and is still preserved in the work of Bharata, the great ancient sage. In living form it thrives in the art of our present protagonists of Indian classical dance.

Exponents like Ram Gopal, Uday Shankar, Menaka, Sukumari Arundale, and foreign interpreters like La Meary, helped to revive this ancient art and their efforts have gone a long way to put India at the head of the art of dancing. Because the fact remains even though it is not yet fully recognised by the world, that the art of Indian classical dance is more subtle, artistic and exalted than that of any other country in the world. It very potentially displays a strong preoccupation with the emotional intensity of inward religious feeling and experience, as compared to Western dancing, which is merely more broadly frank, more gymnastic, more explanatory, and less artistic.

INEXHAUSTIBLE TREASURE

Apart from this rich classical tradition, we have in our country an inexhaustible treasure of folk dances, and attempts are being made to turn this folk art to drama and to weave the two arts, classical and light folk dance, into a single harmonious unity of a western ballet. But the pity is that in India we have no theatre, no showmanship, and even no audience. Not one of the greatest of our dancers, who have acquired world fame and universal recognition, has been able so far to give a single performance in India, that can be compared to those they have given elsewhere in the world.

As regards the art of ballet, if we can call the spontaneous song-cum-dance festivals of some of the aboriginal tribes of India a form of opera-ballet, then certainly both, the art of opera and the art of ballet, do exist in this country. Otherwise we are yet to synthesize our innumerable dance forms into a national ballet form.

POTENTIAL INDIAN THEATRE

The only choreographer, who has so far been successful in arranging really well-organised corps de ballets, comprising of classical as well as folk dances, is Uday Shankar. We expect from artists like Ram Gopal and Uday Shankar to give us what we may call a national ballet of our own. And we are already on our way to achieve it. The Indian People's Theatre Association is making good material of our folk-arts and developing embryo forms of ballet and opera all over India. This group and the Indian National Theatres are signs of the birth of a potential Indian Theatre, through which we can express the national and cultural life of our country.

But this has yet to develop. Ballet in India today is little more than a succession of classroom exercises, with a few scraps of scenery and dress, and some staccato music, held together by a thin traditional story. It should have the spectacular appeal of an artistic show, progressive yet entertaining, compounded from technical virtuosity and our fund of national culture and traditions and our grim inheritance of suffering and frustration.

Colour, rhythm and dance constitute the stage-vocabulary of ballet, through which a story is told. IPTA'S "Immortal India" and INT'S "Discovery of India" lacked these. The latter, which is still running at the Excelsior, has no dramatic structure: one scene follows another in an endless succession of pointless episodes. Matters are not improved by complete absence of decor and the overemphasis of some of the dull and banal scenes. Simplicity is admirable, but simplicity should not slip into drabness.

But good or bad, that's a beginning alright. And we may yet hope things would improve, artists and people would take more interest in the Theatre and combine to give to the people the people's art.

SOCIALIST PREMIER FOR JAPAN?

TOKYO, May 5. (A.P.A.) Pressure for the appointment of a Socialist Premier for Japan mounted today and most Tokyo newspapers predicted the resignation of the Conservative Cabinet of Shigeru Yoshida.

The Cabinet was due to meet and frame an Imperial Ordinance convoking a newly elected Diet on May 20.

Bengal Educationists' Appeal To Viceroy

CALCUTTA, May 5. (U.P.I.): Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Dr. R. C. Majumdar, ex-Vice-Chancellor of the Dacca University, Prof. Megnath Shah, Dr. Sunit Kumar Chatterjee, Dr. Kalidas Nag and three principals of local colleges and other educationists have sent a telegram to the Viceroy urging his intervention into Bengal affairs "to save education from chaos" They also support "immediate formation of a separate West Bengal Province guaranteeing under non-communal Ministry the safety of life and unhindered progress in education and other vital matters

TETE-A-TETE

—WITHOUT COMMENTS—

NEW YORK, May 3 (APA): A full page advertisement in the New York newspaper "PM" announced today that the Political Action Committee for Palestine plans to drop thousands of young Jews by parachute into the Holy Land.

The advertisement said: "Thousands of young Jewish men and women between the ages of 18 and 35 are now undergoing training throughout Europe and will be parachuted into Palestine".

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Says an A.P.I. report from New Delhi: "Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Interim Government, it is learned, would spend a few days with the Viceroy in Simla as the Viceroy's guest".

We earnestly hope Jawaharlal is not the only man to be invited. You know what we mean?

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In a despatch on the Indian situation, the "New York Times" London correspondent observes that "ten million Muslims demand Pakistan and it is no longer possible for Mr. Jinnah to say that he did not really mean it".

The suggestion that Mr Jinnah wants to say anything of the kind or that he did not really mean it is most unfair and even mischievous.

No League leader, All-India or Provincial, ever really meant it as wholeheartedly and thoroughly as Mr. Jinnah.

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Apropos of Sir Olaf Caroe's proposal for re-election in the N.W.F.P., Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan says he is unable to understand why the Premier Governor insists upon something being done in our province which is not being even considered in any other province".

We are. We mean, we are able to understand.

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Giving the impressions of their visit to the Frontier Province, Acharya Jugal Kishore and Dewan Chamanlal say of the Governor: "A man in his position, who is also the head of the Political Department can seriously hamper the work of the Ministry since a large number of administrative officers play a dual role, being civilian administrators as well as Political Agents".

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The best interim solution in our opinion would be to split the dual post of Governor and Political Department Head with Sir Olaf Caroe holding the latter and being replaced as Governor by Sir Francis Mudie whose task in Sind has already been completed.

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Sardar Aurangzeb Khan the Muslim League ex-Premier of the N.W.F. Province, has also been arrested under the Frontier Crimes Regulations.

But he is too late except, of course to cause some amusement to Nishtar, Abdul Qaiyum, Sami Jan and half a dozen others.

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Repudiating recent suggestions made by Mr. Abdul Hashim and Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Maulana Akram Khan, the President of the Bengal Provincial Muslim League, denounces the "talk of a Bengalee nation consisting of Hindus and Muslims and of a separate sovereign Bengal" and reiterates that "Muslim Bengal's ideal is the establishment of a sovereign Muslim national state comprising the six units of the Punjab, Sind, N.W.F.P., Baluchistan, Bengal and Assam".

And that's that.

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Mr. Suhrawardy has just "put forward", we learn "a vigorous plea for securing a fair price for jute growers in the province".

Which province?

JAPANESE ASSETS IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 5 (UPA): It was disclosed in testimony before the House appropriations sub-committee released today that the State Department had not yet taken a position on whether the 100,000,000 dollars of Japanese assets held in the United States should be used to reimburse United States civilians who suffered as a result of Japanese imprisonment.

The State Department's legal counsellor, Charles Fahy told the sub-committee that the "whole basis" of such claims against Japan should be estimated and "then looked at in the light of what funds are available."

Nothing that several bills to authorize such use of Japanese funds here are pending in congressional committees Fahy said that "something should be done about them but "I do not think that anything should be decided until we get the whole picture.

SINDHIS IN BOMBAY

KARACHI, May 5 (U.P.I.): Mr. Chanduram P. Daswani, a prominent Hindu leader, has issued the following statement to the press.

"The Muslim League Government in Sind is using everything in its power for the Sindhi refugees by not only providing land for cultivation but also making arrangements for founding a colony for their benefit in Karachi. It is said that it is closing its eyes to the forcible possession of the valuable municipal land whereon houses have been constructed by the Sindhis overnight.

"The Congress Governments in Bombay U.P. and other places should follow the example of the League Government of Sind by providing facilities for Sindhis on similar lines. The population of Sindhis in Bombay is nearly 30,000 but the accommodation available being limited more Sindhis, who would like to do business there, are precluded from doing so. The avenues for employment for Sindhis being almost closed here Bombay is a proper place where men of brains can find an easy outlet for their enterprise.

"The Sindhi Association in Bombay and Mr. H. B. Shivdasani, Deputy Commissioner, Bombay Municipal Corporation are taking interest in the matter and it is hoped that the Bombay Government would provide the needed facilities in this direction."

CONGRESS TO PICK UP THE GAUNTLET

If British Govt. Straightaway Dissolves Frontier Ministry

PESHAWAR, May 5. (U.P.I.): Brushing aside the question of general elections or Section 93 rule, Mr. Meher Chand Khanna, Finance Minister, Frontier Government, argued before a Press Conference this morning that the Congress Party in the Frontier Legislature retained a solid majority and there had not been a single case of alteration in the party affiliation so far. "If the Opposition Party musters the courage to table a no-confidence motion against the Ministry", said the Finance Minister, "I assure them on behalf of the Government that a request will be made to the Governor to call the Assembly Session forthwith." Mr. Meherchand Khanna feelingly asserted that for a political party to force Ministry out and get fresh elections through violent methods, killing, loot and arson was not only wrong but shameful. "Our giving in will be tantamount surrender to violence. It will be setting a dangerous precedent to which nobody, much less Congressite, who believe in non-violence will ever agree," said the Finance Minister.

Asked if in case the British Government straightaway dissolved the Ministry what would happen, the Finance Minister described it as a hypothetical question, but remarked: "If the British Government were to do so before their departure from India, if one were to believe their bonafides, I do not think it will be well advised to throw a challenge before the Congress. But if a challenge is forced, we will have no option but to accept it. Nevertheless in the interests of the maintenance of happy relations between India of to-morrow and the British Nation, I hope and pray that such a course will not be adopted. We want the Britishers to leave India as friends. We want to forget the past and we also want them to forget the past" he concluded.

FRONTIER REFUGEES.

Mr. Meher Chand Khanna, Information Minister, Frontier Government, revealed Pressmen to-day that according to information available upto date, there were about 9.000 refugees in Dera Ismail Khan.* 1.400 in Peshawar, 1.200 in Kabul, Hazara District and some 300 to 400 in Tank. The refugees' urgent problem related to food and clothing which was both acute and troublesome.

The Provincial Government had so far sanctioned a total allotment of Rs. 4.70.000 out of which Rs. 3.20.000 had been sanctioned for relief to Hazara sufferers, Rs. 1,10,000 for Dera Ismail Khan and Rs. 40,000 for Peshawar refugees.

Asked about the approximate expenditure incurred by the Frontier Government in connection with the League agitation, Mr. Mcherchand Khanna described it as fairly heavy and said that a complete consolidated statement of this extra expenditure had been asked from the Departments concerned such as Police, Jails, Public Works Department etc.

INQUIRY INTO PESHAWAR TRAIN INCIDENT.

Both the inquiry reports, one made by G. S. Curtis regarding Manshara riots and the other by T.A.F. Noble regarding the Peshawar train incident involving injuries to some women demonstrators have been submitted to the Provincial Government which is considering the reports at present United Press learnt to-day.

Jawahar And Sardar Elected Chairmen To Consembly Committees

NEW DELHI. May 5. (A.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhi Patel were elected Chairmen of the two Committees of the Constituent Assembly appointed to draft the principles for the Union Constitution and the Model Provincial Constitution respectively.

The two Committees held their preliminary meeting today. The next meeting would be held on June 2, 1947 by which time replies to the general questionnaire which was issued to the members of the Assembly sometime ago would be received.

It is likely that before drafting their reports, the two Committees would hold a joint session sometime in June.

"RECOGNISE AUTHORITY OF CONSEMBLY"

Dinah Stock Chairman's Plea To British Govt.

LONDON, May 5. (I.P.A.): A statement on India and Britain is released to-day by the Chairman, Mr. Fenner Brockway and the Secretary of the Dinah Stock of British Centre for colonial freedom. They call for non-interference' in India's internal difficulties by the British Parliament, which, instead, should "during the interim period recognise the Indian Government as 'de facto' independent and responsible to the Indian people, who must ultimately become the source of its authority".

They pay tribute to the Indian National leaders, who with Mahatma Gandhi as adviser are, they claim, unsurpassed elsewhere for "vision, tolerance and understanding". They further urge the British Government to recognise full authority of the Constituent Assembly without limits set by the Cabinet Mission, Plan or the Viceregal veto to decide the regime for all provinces and states, who accept it; if a successful constitution is drawn up before June 1948, it should become the basis for Government of India to which full powers should be transferred immediately.

NEW DELHI, May 5. (A.P.I.): Sir Eric Meiville, Adviser to the Viceroy called on Mr. Jinnah this morning and was with him for an hour. The Frontier League leaders Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan, Khan Samijan Khan, Pir Sahib of Manki Sharif, Mian Abdullah Shah, Arbab Nur Mohammad Khan and Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan had lunch with Mr. Jinnah to-day.

Red Shirts Armed With Pistols For Defence

Frontier Ex-Premier Arrested

KHAN ABDUL GHAFFAR KHAN'S SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST GOVERNOR

PESHAWAR, May 5, (A.P.I.): Sardar Aurangzeb Khan, the former Muslim League Premier of N.-W. F. P., was arrested in Mardan yesterday under the Frontier Crime Regulations.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, addressing a meeting in a town on the Mohmand tribal border, appealed to the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, to act justly and impartially as was expected of an active, just and honest man like him.

He said: "From newspaper reports which may not be true it looks as if he is acting in a misguided way. The Viceroy who has been sent to deliver the goods to India should not enter into petty things; otherwise the main object will not be achieved. He should remain above party politics and the Frontier communal agitation should not be given any political colour to make it a reason for fresh elections in N.-W.F.P. Nothing can call for new elections in the Frontier province, because hardly a year back we had elections in the Frontier on the issue of Pakistan".

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan appealed to the Frontier Pathans and invited them to sit together in 'jirga' (Conference) and chalk out the future of the pathan nation.

Referring to the Khudai Khidmatgars movement, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan said: "The main object of the movement is to strengthen the Pathans by uniting them by the eradication of party factions and mutual rivalries.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan concluded with an appeal that the tribal people should not interfere in the internal provincial politics of the N.W.F.P. settled districts and that Frontier Pathans should not meddle in their affairs.

A new political party "zalme pakhtoon" (Youg Pathans) has come into existence. This is revealed by Khan Amir Mohd. Khan, President of the Frontier Provincial Congress Committee who introduced ten members of the new organisation at the meeting.

They were clad in red uniforms and unlike the Red Shirts, they were all armed with pistols.

Explaining their political ideology, Khan Amir Mohd. Khan said the idea that the Red Shirt leaders are not safe during the present disturbances has led to a new organisation founded by Khan Abdul Ghani Khan, M.L.A. (Central), and son of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan. The members are armed only for defence and not for offence. This movement is a legitimate Red Shirt movement, with the only difference that the new organisation believes in violent defence and retaliation.

Absconding League M. L. A. Surrenders

DHUBRI, May 5 (UPI): Maulvi Abdulkasam, M.L.A. of Mankachar "Eastern Pakistan Quilla" fame surrendered to the police for arrest on May 2 at Mankachar. A large crowd was present there to give a send-off to the League leader who had been absconding for sometime. Addressing the crowd, Mr. Abdulkasam exhorted the people to continue "the League Civil Disobedience movement and maintain non-communal non-violent and peaceful character of the agitation".

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner of the Garo Hill District, ordered the confiscation of motor truck belonging to Mr. Abdulkasam and cancellation of his brother's shop at Hallydaygung owing to their alleged engagement in illegal activities.

FRONTIER GANDHI'S REVELATIONS

LAHORE, May 5 (APA): The "Tribune" today carries a report under the double-column headline "Caroe Must Go" from its Peshawar Correspondent of sensational allegations against the Frontier Governor, Sir Olaf Caroe by the Pathan leader, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.

The "Frontier Gandhi" is reported to have declared at a meeting of Red Shirts (Khudai Khidmatgars) and tribesmen at Shabkadar that "it was Caroe when he was in Delhi (as External Affairs Member) who despatched a squadron of bombers to bomb tribesmen's villagers".

According to the "Tribune" report, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan warned the tribesmen against "the kindness that Caroe has begun to show you".

He told his audience, the "Tribune" dispatch said, that he was "sharing this secret", which he got from official sources in Delhi, with them because the "question of honour of my nation is concerned".

The Red Shirt leader also reminded the Pathans that this is the same Caroe who was Deputy Commissioner of Peshawar at the time of the Kissakhani Massacre of 1940 at Peshawar".

He said, "Caroe cannot remain in the Frontier Province any longer. He has to go.....therefore, those of the Muslim Leaguers who are depending upon him for help are sadly mistaken".

EIGHT KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH

SYDNEY, May 5 (APA.) At least eight persons were killed and sixty injured today north of Brisbane in the worst Australian railway crash in more than two years. One published report said that 14 persons were killed.

AMERICAN AID TO FRANCE

To Be Increased If Communists Are Kept Out Of Coalition Govt.

CAIRO, May 5. (A.P.A.): The United States is preparing to rush increased aid to the tattered French economy if the French Premier, Paul Ramadier, can keep his non-Communist Coalition Government in being a high ranking official source said today.

Officials of the American Embassy are drawing up a detailed new report on what sort of assistance the French regime will need and how much of this could be expected from the U. S.

Ending Stalemate Over Jewish Representation

NEW YORK, May 5, (A.P.A.): Russia and the United States were reported today to have agreed on a joint Slav-Latin American Plan to end the stalemate over Jewish representation in the United Nations.

A new complication, however, arose when it was announced that the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine officially requested the right to be represented in the discussions.

The Arab Higher Committee sent two letters, one asking for the right to speak for the Palestine Arabs and the other designating a six-man delegation.

The compromise plan provided that the official Jewish Agency would receive a hearing before the Assembly's Political Committee, but not before the plenary meeting.

A spokesman for the Americans said the principle of compromise was acceptable to the United States, but no decision has been made as to which one of the five draft proposals was preferable.

LINLITHGOW'S HOME RANSACKED

LONDON, May 5 (UPA). Guns blazed at unarmed police early today in the quiet exclusive Saint John's Wood section of London just as fully armed police were combing London's underworld for armed thugs involved in two separate "Chicago gangster style" slayings last week.

An unarmed policeman grabbed one man trying to break into a Saint John's Wood home shortly before 4 a.m. The man wrenched himself free and before escaping fired twice at the policeman without injuring him. The second man was tracked down and captured in a bomb-damaged building. He was questioned concerning last week's murders in London and Birmingham.

Earlier today thieves ransacked the Saint John's Wood home of Lord Linlithgow, former Viceroy of India, and stole furs, rugs and Chinese jade ornaments valued at £4,000.

Police hunting for the men involved in last week's shootings were fully armed for the first time since the crime wave which swept Britain after the first World War.

The British Press launched a full-scale campaign for arming all police in efforts to stamp out post-war violence. Sunday newspapers recalled underworld's grip on Chicago between the wars and urged the police adopt methods immediately to prevent London from becoming another "Chicago."

American Ambassador To India Sails For Bombay

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4 (UPA). Henry F. Grady, newly appointed U. S. Ambassador to India, sailed for the Far East aboard the S. S. "President Polk" Sunday to assume his duties at New Delhi.

The first American Ambassador to an independent Indian Government, Grady will present his credentials to the British Viceroy pending the establishment of India's independence in 1948.

Accompanied by his wife Grady will confer with General MacArthur in Tokyo.

He said he planned also to visit his son, Reginald in Shanghai en route to Bombay and expected to arrive in New Delhi in a month.

Grady is head of the American President Lines.

24-HOUR CURFEW IN CAWNPORE

CAWNPORE May 4 (API): The peon of a local school who was stabbed this morning behind the Hosman Memorial Hospital succumbed to his injuries in the hospital.

Twenty-four hour curfew has been clamped down throughout the city except in Civil Lines, Cantonments and the Babu Purwa areas. All the markets have been closed down.

GLASGOW, May 5 (Reuter). Some 3,300 of the Glasgow dockers, who have been on strike for the past six weeks, were back at work today.

It is estimated that the dockers have lost £136,000 in wages alone and the loss to traders and to the port in revenue is over £350,000.

Quit India Questions In Commons

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter): Mr. Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary for India, told a questioner in the House of Commons today that Britain would seek to do what was proper to safeguard the legitimate interests of the British commercial community in India after the transfer of power.

Mr. Walter Fletcher (Conservative) had asked if the Minister would see that no action was taken aimed directly at "firms of this type".

The matter had been raised by Mr. J. Langford Holt (Conservative) who asked what arrangements were being made to safeguard British trading and business interests in India after June 1948.

Mr. Henderson replied that this question was under consideration.

Mr. Langford Holt: Will this question be incorporated in the Treaty and if so with whom will the Treaty be made? Will it be with one authority or several authorities?

Mr. Henderson replied that he was unable to go beyond the terms of the question.

BRITISH PENSION CODE

Mr. Arthur Henderson told the Commons that the Government of India with whom the decision rested, was urgently considering the question of applying the new British Pension Code to those officers of the Indian Army to whom it had not already been applied. He hoped to be able to make an announcement in the near future.

He added that the new Code had already been applied to all British other ranks.

Mr. Henderson was replying to Colonel Gomme Duncan, (Conservative), who had asked what was being done to bring the pension terms for officers and other ranks of corps of the Indian Army not Governed by the Royal Warrant into line with the recent improvemeats granted to other corps which were so governed.

Commander Noble (Conservative): Will the new pay code apply to the Navy?

Mr. Henderson: The question is under consideration by the Government of India at present. I cannot say in regard to the Indian Navy.

Mr. Kenneth Pickthorn (Conservative): When he says the decision lies with the Indian Government, does he mean to indicate that the British Government here takes no responsibility in this matter supposing that the decision proposed to be what they regarded as inequitaable?

Mr. Henderson: Yes.

There were cries of "Oh" from Conservative benches, but the matter was dropped.

GURKHA BRIGADE

The future of the Gurkha Brigade and of recruitment and use of Gurkhas in the armed forces of the Crown was again raised at question-time in the House of Commons today when Colonel Gomme Duncan, (Conservative), asked if Mr. Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary for India, could report on the negotiations now going on.

Mr. Henderson replied that discussions had been held in Delhi between representatives of the British Government and the Government of India. I am not in a position to make any further statement at present", he added.

Col. Gomme Duncan: "Will he particularly bear in mind that the Gurkha race owes allegiance and friendship to the British Crown and not to the Indian Government and negotiations, therefore, should take place between these two authorities and the Indian Government should take what is coming?"

Mr. Henderson: "I do not want to make any comment at the moment until we see what occurs in these discussions".

BR. TROOPS AND RIOTS

Sir Waldron Smithers, (Conservative) asked Government spokesman how many British troops were involved in the recent communal disturbances in Bengal and what was now the position there.

The Under-Secretary for India, replied: "There has been no occasion to employ British troops in aid of the civil power during the past month except in Calcutta. The numbers so employed in Calcutta at the beginning of this month were 750.

"The present position in Calcutta is that although sporadic acts of violence are still occurring, the situation has been kept under control and there has been hardly any rioting. Curfew orders have been freely employed.

"In Howrah and Dacca, tension still continues and some incident have occurred.

Sir Waldron Smithers: "Does he realise that the root cause of all this mistrust and tension is Communist propaganda?"

There was no reply.

Asked if British troops suffered any casualties, Mr. Anderson said that he had not that information, but his impression was that they had suffered no casualties.

WINGATE'S BURIAL

Graves Commission Awaiting War Office Decision

NEW DELHI, May 5 (API.) The War Graves Commission is awaiting the decision of the War Office on whether Gen. Wingate and others who died with him in the plane crash in Assam should be given a British or American burial.

The bodies of the Chindit leader and the other passengers it is recalled were discovered at Thilon, about thirty miles Northwest of Imphal a fortnight ago. Since then they were removed to Imphal.

If the war office rules that the late Gen. Wingate should be given a British burial, it is likely his last resting place will be in Imphal cemetery.

Mr. Jinnah Rejects Proposal For Muslim R. T. C.

Jamiat Secretary Explains Islamic Teaching

The appeal made in the name of Islam to Mr. M. A. Jinnah President of the All-India Muslim League by Maulana Hifzur Rehman General Secretary of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-i-Hind to call a round table conference of representatives of the various Muslim organisations in the country or to accept the invitation of his organisation to take part in such a conference to discuss the future of the Mussalmans of India has once again been rejected by the League leader.

In reply to the Maulana's letter Mr. Jinnah says:

"I beg to inform you that I have tried my best to make my position clear to you in my previous letter. I have given full consideration to what you say and I gather from your letter that your object is to discuss whether our cherished goal of Pakistan should be abandoned in the proposed conference. I can only once more appeal to you for reasons already given to join the Muslim League and accept the cherished goal of Pakistan.

"I hope you do appreciae that it is not in my power to treat the question of our goal as open to any change or call any conference for that purpose; and as President of the Muslim League I am bound to stand loyally by our creed of Pakistan."

JAMIAT'S APPEAL

In the course of his letter Maulana Hifzur Rehman had said:

"I am really surprised and sorry to find from your letter that you have completely ignored the question of mutual consultation towards which the Jamiat had invited your attention. I do not think it is in any way proper to by-pass a really important issue affecting the national life of the Muslims by calling it "domestic difference". The differences are fundamental. It will not be a reasonable and sincere thing for a Muslim to join the Muslim League while he does not believe in Pakistan. A Muslim is not expected to ignore the injunction of the Holy Quran "Wa Shwirohum Fil Amr" (consult together to decide an issue); he must satisfy himself on this point before joining the Muslim League.

I would, again, like to explain to you according to Islamic traditions, that no majority decision is entitled to the acceptance of the Mussalmans unless it is fully disucussed and mutually debated, in a spirit of equality by a mixed body of eminent lawyers of Shariat and other men of knowledge and opinion. Major agreement of opinions of the masses is some times based on miscalculated views and malicious atmosphere of the day

To remove the "domestic differences" of the Mussalmans the holy Quran does not enjoun upon them to join any sort of major party without distinguishing between right and wrong. It lays upon them to turn towards Allah and His Prophet to decide a controversial issue:—i.e. "Wa in tanasetum fi shain faradduh elallah—wa rasoolihi" which means that we should follow the dictates of the Holy Quran and the sayings of the Prophet. Of course this method of removing "domestic or fundamental" differences is equally applicable to a single party and parties as well without imposing any limitation of majority.

URGENT NEED.

Besides the above verse of the holy Quran Tirmiu Sharif quotes a saying of our Prophet Mohammad wherein He is said to have foretold that in bad times of marred religious sense there would always remain a "minor" party of the believers true to the faith, fearlessly defying the taunts of the taunters.

Now it is evident that the teachings of Islam do not place the criterion of judging between right and wrong on majority or minority. It is quite possible, as it is clear by many a event in Islamic history, that a minor party may be right. Islam, has, therefore, enjoined, for the unity of Mussalmans, to arrange a consultative body of different shades of opinion and decide the issue according to the canons of the Quran and Hadis.

I am sure you have sufficiently strong and cogent arguments in support of your cherished goal of Pakistan in your pocket. I see no reason why should you avoid to face a consultative body of the eminent Mussalmans of other organisations. To the majority of the Musalmans of India you are standing on a very solid ground.

I appeal to you again, in the name of Islam, to call a round table conference of the best representatives of all the Muslim organisations or to accept the invitation of the Jamiat-i-Ulemai Hind to take part in such a conference if it can be arranged by mutual consent. One voice from a united front is the urgent need of the Mussalmans of India.

C. I. D. MEN 'SCREEN' JEWISH MALES

Sequel To Mass Break From Palestine Prison

JERUSALEM, May 5. (Reuter): While Airborne troops surrounded Jewish settlements near the Acre Prison today, Criminal Investigation Department men from the Palestine Police started "screening" all Jewish males after yesterday's mass break from the grim old Turkish prison.

An official statement tonight said that the total number of Arabs and Jews freed by the terrorist attack on the jail was 216—33 Jews, of whom four are dead, and 183 Arabs.

Twenty-nine Jews, still at large, were all convicted terrorists, the announcement added.

Arab prisoners are reported to be surrendering in large numbers. Mounted Police were searching the hills in the region of Safad, northern Palestine, for which it was thought other Arabs might be heading.

Latest reports said that at least 15 men—prisoners and attackers—were killed and about 23 others wounded at the time of the break. Nineteen prisoners, eight of them wounded, were recaptured and 15 others believed to be attackers captured

Eight British were wounded in the battle with the terrorists who breached the wall of the Acre Prison and freed 216 convicts last night, it was disclosed here tonight.

The total casualties were: Fifteen Jews and one Arab killed; Twelve Jews and Arabs wounded. Six of the dead Jews are believed to have been among the attackers.

No figures were given of the number of escaped prisoners who had surrendered to the prison authorities but many of the 183 Arabs were stated to have given themselves up.

British paratroops were tonight still hunting in settlements, roads and sandy wastes for 29 Jews, all convicted terrorists, reported to be still at large.

STOP LEGISLATING

Opposition Move In Bengal Council

CALCUTTA, May 5. (A.P.I.): The Congress Opposition in the Bengal Legislative Council to-day asked the Ministry not to proceed with legislative measures like the "Acquisition of Waste Land Bill". 1947 as the partition of the province now appeared to be an accomplished fact.

The Opposition expressed the view that passing of such legislation would mean thrusting of the legacies of a "communal Ministry" upon a new administration that would come into existence in the near future in the western parts of the province.

The Opposition put forward these view-points when the Acquisition of Waste Land Bill was taken up for consideration clause by clause.

A number of amendments seeking to restrict the scope of the Bill to Northern and Eastern part of the Province were pressed to division by the Opposition in the course of to-days debate The amendments were lost.

The Revenue Minister, Mr. Fazlur Rahman, who was piloting the Bill, said that he could accept the position that Bengal was going to be divided and therefore all legislation should be stopped. Bengal was one and as such all legislation should be for the whole of the province. Controversy was raised by the Opposition only as a delaying tactic, the Minister added

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

French-Viet Nam Talks This Week

Early Calling Off Of Hostilities Likely

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter):—The French and the Viet Nam Governments are expected to negotiate this week in an attempt to stop the armed conflict which has been fought in northern Indo-China since last December.

This news is supported from two "Reuter" sources. According to Saigon, an early end to the hostilities is predicted to enable settlement talks to be held in a peaceful atmosphere. A Paris message says that the French Government is considering the terms on which a settlement could be reached.

Negotiations between the French Government and Dr. Ho Chi Minh's administration will be starting "somewhere near Hanoi" before this weekend, informed quarters stated here tonight cables Vasudev Rao, "Reuter's" special correspondent from Saigon.

A high-ranking military official will be flying to Hanoi within the next 48 hours to meet Vo Nguyen Giap, Foreign Affairs Secretary in the Ho Chi Minh Government, it was added.

The basis for the negotiations is being kept a closely guarded secret, but an early calling off of hostilities is predicted to enable the settlement talks to proceed in a peaceful atmosphere.

This sudden turn in Indo-Chinese politics is believed to be the result of "the personal report" which the French War Minister, M. Paul Coste Floret, and the Navy Minister, M. Louis Jacquinot, made to the French High Commissioner M. Emile Bollaert, after their recent military inspection tour in Indo-China.

M. Bollaert is now at Dalat, where a Conference will be held on Wednesday to formulate a five-year economic plan for Indo-China but he may leave for Hanoi early next week, it was added.

I learn from usually reliable sources that the Viet Nam Government in northern Indo-China which has been in armed conflict with the French authorities since last December has semi-officially approached the French High Commissioner in Saigon with a view to cessation of hostilities and conclusion of peaceful relations, cables Harold King, 'Reuter's' special correspondent from Paris.

He adds: I also learn that the French Government in Paris is at present considering the terms under which a settlement could be reached. The question was discussed at today's French Cabinet meeting.

It was regarded as significant that the Air Minister, M. Maroselli (Radical), said after this Cabinet meeting "The situation in Indo-China is excellent from every point of view"

MADRAS, May 5 (API). Mr. V. Chakkarai Chettiar, President Madras Provincial Trade Union Congress, in a statement to the press, appeals to the sponsors of the new All-India Trade Union Congress, to desist from their attempts in organising a rival Trade Union Congress which is "most reactionary and destructive not only for the interests of the working classes but for the future of the country".

D. F. Karaka:

Off My Chest

The All-India Newspaper Editors Conference is composed of editors only and editors' views do not always coincide with the large majority of working journalists.

There, again, appears to be no reason why this body should continue to function in its present form after the war is over, it being borne in mind that the A.I.N.E.C. was a war-time organisation to deal with a Government which was administering the country under Section 93.

Today we are on the verge of freedom and looking forward to the opening of the gates of democracy A Trade Union of working journalists is on the way and this body is likely to take quite a different attitude in matters connected with the governance of the Indian press.

While we can have no objection to the A.I.N.E.C. speaking on behalf of the Editors of India, we do rightly object to this body speaking on behalf of the Press of India. Already in 1944 the journalists of Bombay had warned the Editors Conference that there was a conflict of interests between the Editors' Conference and the interests of the journalists and that they should not speak for the working journalists.

Dutch Women Swimmers Break World Record

HILVERSUM, May 5 (Reuter): Dutch women swimmers Nel Van Vliet, Irene Kastch-Van Peegelen and Hannie Termeilen broke the world swimming record for 300 metres at Medley Reury here yesterday with the time of three minutes 19.8 seconds. The record was held by the Danish swimmers Karen Harup, Grete Soennesen and Fritzi Nathansen who covered the distance in three minutes 20.8 seconds at Copenhagen in January this year.

Another world record was broken during the race when Nel Van Vliet covered 100 yards breast stroke in one one minute 9.2 seconds thus lowering own record by 1.9 seconds.

BELGIUM BEATS LUXEMBOURG IN DAVIS CUP

BRUSSELS, May 5 (UPA): Philippe Washer of Belgium defeated Gaston Wampach of Luxembourg 7-5, 0-6, 6-2, 6-3 to make the score 4-0 for Belgium in the first round of the Davis Cup European zone competition with one match still to play.

The Belgian team won the first round yesterday when they added a win in the doubles event to their victories in the two proceeding singles matches.

U. S. BULLION EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

WASHINGTON, May 3 (UPA). The Census Bureau today announced that the United States exported doi. 5,860,644 worth of gold and imported doi 8,885,5.8 worth during the week ended April 9th.

Exports included. India, doi. 385,-360, Uruguay, doi. 6,000,000, and Turkey, 8,351.

Imports included. Canada, doi. 91,995, Mexico, doi. 2,016,6- Salvador, doi. 4,366, Cuba, doi. 136, British Guiana, doi. 24,633, Ecuador, doi 60,000, Peru doi. 107,018, Bolivia, doi. 1,504, Chile doi. 91,191, Philippines, doi. 120,600, Australia, doi. 11,200, New Zealand, doi. 51,446, and South Africa, doi. 8,276,111.

At the same time, the Bureau reported that silver exports totalled doi. 749,828. These included, India, doi. 194,194, Canada doi. 10,000, Brazil, doi. 15,108, Denmark and Faroes, doi. 8,164, Belgium and Luxembourg, doi. 192,140, France, doi. 270,3.1, and Portugal doi 40,003.

Imports totalled doi. 1,250,868 including: Canada, doi. 250,061, Mexico, doi. 468 000, Salvador, doi. 982, Ecuador, 2,880, Peru, doi. 288,532, Bolivia, doi. 15,616, Chile, doi. 6,727, Philippines, doi. 21,780, Australia, doi. 24,490.

DISMISSES DANGER OF MELTING DOWN SILVER CURRENCY

LONDON May 3 (UPA). The weekly Economist, discussing the sharp rise in the price of silver in Bombay today dismissed as academic the fear voiced in some quarters that if prices reach 200 rupees per 100 tolas, it will pay bullion quarters to melt down the silver currency for its silver content.

"This melting point is decidedly a theoretical one, the publication said. To melt and refine silver coins which are only 500 1.000 fine is a very difficult operation. Therefore, the melting point of the silver rupee does not have today the same significance as it had in 1920 when silver rupees were 11 12 fine and when the melted metal could in fact be used for ornaments and was accepted as good delivery in the bullion market."

The "Economist opines that good silver coinage in India is now disappearing from circulation into hoards—a development which was not circumvented by last year's decision to call in silver coinage and replace it with nickel coinage.

"MILK"

REMINDER

Existing consumers and new entrants to the Government Milk Distribution Scheme are reminded that they can renew their milk cards or obtain new ones for month of June from the milk centres upto 13th May 1947

The price of milk for June will be 13 annas per seer

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Milk Commissioner Bombay.

FRENCH CABINET TO DROP COMMUNIST MINISTERS

PARIS, May 4 (U.P.A.): It was officially announced that the Council of Ministers to-day decided to drop the dissident Communist Ministers.

Premier Paul Ramadier announced to-night after the dramatic 60-minute Cabinet meeting, that the Communist Ministers who had voted against the Government at the National Assembly this morning, had been dropped from the Cabinet.

It was the first time since the liberation that the Communists were not represented in the French Government.

A 'communique' published after the Council of Ministers met, said, "The Premier has noted the vote of the Communist Ministers at the session held this morning by the National Assembly and notes that this vote constitutes a rupture of the Ministerial solidarity."

The 'communique' added that the "Premier thanked the Communist Ministers for the aid they had given him. The Council asked the President of the Republic to give temporarily to Yvon Delbos (a Radical Socialist) the post of Minister of National Defense, to Robert Lacoste (Socialist) that of Minister of Labour and to Jules Moch that of Minister of Reconstruction."

The 'communique' mentioned only three of the five Communist Ministers in the Cabinet. It was therefore supposed that the other two would be temporarily attached to some other Ministries, pending clarification of the situation.

Immediately after the meeting, Premier Ramadier went to Elysee Palace to confer with President Vincent Auriol.

Ten minutes later, he was followed by the four Communist Ministers—the Communist Party Secretary, Maurice Thorez, Ambroise Croizat, Minister of Labour, Charles Tillon, Minister of Reconstruction and Georges Marrane, Minister of Public Health and Population.

The fifth Communist Minister in question, Francois Billoux, Minister of National Defense, was not at the Council meeting and did not appear at Elysee Palace.

It was announced that a Council of the Ministers would be held at Matignon Palace at 11 a.m. to-morrow under the presidency of Ramadier.

Braving the possible ire of the Communist Party, which is the strongest single party in France and the absolute master of the nation's labour, the 59-year-old Socialist Premier, Paul Ramadier, to-night, dropped all five of the Communist members of his Cabinet. He did this after the Communists had voted solidly against him on a motion of confidence at the National Assembly this morning.

Vithal Mandir Day On May 7

Persuade "Badvas" To Throw Open Temple, Says Barve In Appeal To Maharashtra

PANDHARPUR, May 4 (UPI): An appeal to all public bodies and public workers of the Province of Maharashtra, having the cause of Harijans at heart, to observe Wednesday, May 7, as Vithal Mandir Day in a befitting manner, has been made by Mr. V. N Barve, President of the Maharashtra Provincial Harijan Sevak Sangh, in a statement to the press. He says on that day peaceful processions should be taken out, meetings held and resolutions passed appealing to the Badvas to throw open the temple to Harijans.

"Let not", says Mr. Barve, "Maharashtra sleep over the great sacrifice which one of her noblest sons, Sane Guruji, is offering in a Dharmashala at Pandharpur for the opening of the Vithal Mandir to Harijans. It is a pure and spiritual act, not influenced by any political considerations. Guruji had been thinking of the fast for a year before and does not wish to embarrass anybody. But both the Government and the people have a duty in the matter. Guruji's resolve is firm Having declared from thousand platforms that he cannot postpone the fast for a day more than six months, he believes that his plighted word has greater value than his life. Therefore none should now appeal to him to give up the fast, but all should appeal to the Badvas to throw open the temple in deference to public opinion which has been unmistakably expressed during Guruji's tour".

DURHAM COAL PITS RENDERED IDLE

Sequel To Winding Enginemen's Strike

LONDON, May 5 (Reuter): Nine thousand miners in the county of Durham, reporting for their first shift under the five-day week last night, were sent home because 20 winding enginemen had gone on strike after claiming that under the new system they will lose from 30 shillings to £2 per week. As a result, pits were thrown idle.

Seven collieries so far are affected but the action of Durham members was being reported to the branches of the Winders' Union in other parts of the country, who had pledged support to any county taking strike action.

A National Coal Board Official explained that the dispute was only with a number of men who had seceded from the recognised union. He said: "This is a deliberate attempt to frustrate successful operation of the five-day week."

CAPITALISM HAS BEEN A SUCCESS IN U. S.

American Professor Explains Economic Policy

MADRAS, May 4 (A.P.I.): Prof. W. H. Edwards of the U.S.A. who is now in Madras, told a public meeting here that "capitalism in America has been a success because of the American of the country always aimed at raising the already high standard of living of her people."

"Communism might be a better system of Government according to some politicians but I am sure that the people of America will not be willing to give up their political and economic liberties for any other form of Government however good it might be in theory", said the Professor who was speaking on the American economic policy. "He referred to labour conditions in America and said there were not many organised Labour Unions in America despite the fact that the right to organise labour was conceded by the U. S. Government as early as 1830." American labour, he added, "Places complete trust in the free public school system which gives every boy, rich or poor, equal opportunities to rise to any height."

Lord Ismay To Report To Cabinet On Demand For Pakistan

LONDON, May 4 (U. P. A.): Lord Ismay, Political Adviser to the Viceroy, Viscount Louis Mountbatten, arrived in London by air from New Delhi to-day to report to the Cabinet.

On the basis of this report, the Cabinet is expected to decide whether to grant the Muslim demands for Pakistan—an independent Muslim State—when the British withdraw from India in June 1948.

Lord Mountbatten sent Lord Ismay to London to report the new Viceroy's view on the conflicting Hindu and Muslim demands in the light of his personal interviews with the Congress leaders Mohandas K. Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the Muslim League President Mohamed Ali Jinnah.

Lord Ismay was understood to have an appointment for to-morrow with the Cabinet's Indian Affairs Sub-Committee consisting of the Earl of Listowell, the new Secretary of State for India, A. V Alexander, the Defense Minister and Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade. Prime Minister Attlee also may be present.

The Sub-Committee was expected to meet at least once daily for the remainder of the week to enable Ismal to return to New Delhi next week-end with the Cabinet's decisions.

The Sub-Committee and the Cabinet not only must decide on the Muslim's demand for Pakistan but also the Hindus' counter demand for the partition of Bengal and the Punjab on the grounds that the provinces, although dominantly Muslim, contain Hindu minorities.

The Hindus contend that if the Government allows the Muslim claim to Pakistan it also should partition off Western Bengal and Eastern Punjab, largely populated by Hindus, for inclusion in Hindustan.

Informed Indian sources in London believed that the Cabinet would decide to make one more attempt to get both the Hindus and the Muslims to accept a British plan for a united India before making its decision on Pakistan and partition.

These sources pointed out that Jinnah originally accepted the Cabinet Mission's Plan for a Constitutional Assembly to write a Constitution for a united and independent India, but later withdrew his acceptance on the grounds that the Congress Party had not entered into the plan whole-heartedly.

The result was that the Muslims have boycotted the Constitutional Assembly. Indian sources here said they believed that the Congress announcement of acceptance of the Cabinet's Plan without reservations and such an announcement was considered likely might clear the way for the Muslims to change their stand once again and enter the Assembly.

If this did not occur, there appeared little hope for a united India. Instead, there presumably would be Hindustan and Pakistan and possibly Rajastan to be ruled by the Indian Princes.

DISCUSSIONS TO BE "KEPT ON HIGH LEVEL"

Lord Ismay's discussion with the British Cabinet starting today would be "kept on a high level" and it was not likely any statements would be forthcoming until Ismay's return to New Delhi carrying the Cabinet's view of Viceroy Mountbatten's "appreciation of the situation" in India, according to official quarters today.

Officials could not confirm whether Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck would attend the Cabinet discussions, but said, "we should not like to say no.... Such a procedure would seem quite likely".

It was understood the defence situation in India would figure prominently in the Cabinet discussions and unofficial quarters said the Government of Nepal had already expressed anxiety over developments in India where the civil strife might embroil Nepal.

Unofficial quarters said Nepal was preparing to abandon her "monopoly friendship" with Britain and to emphasise friendly relations with China as the transfer of power in India approaches the deadline.

The London correspondent of the well informed daily newspaper, "The Scotsman", today said the Government of Nepal was consulting the British and Indian Governments regarding future Gurkhas recruitment and their future service.

Nepalese quarters in London said the Nepal Government would reserve any decisions in this connection until such time as they were sure of their relations with China, India and "any possibly interested powers". They recalled Nepal and the United States recently opened diplomatic relations and signed a treaty of commerce and friendship.

U. S.-Britain Split Over Merger Scheme

BERLIN, May 5, (A.P.A.): The United States and Great Britain, which stood side by side at the Moscow Foreign Ministers Conference against Russia in defence of their bi-zonal merger in Germany, are badly split on how to make the merger work, authoritative sources have reported.

Some progress has been made during the last few days on negotiations between General Lucius D. Clay U.S. Zone Commander, and General Brian Robertson, British Zone Commander but the fundamental issues have not been resolved, these sources said.

These sources said the split in organising the zones is whether the British United States zones shall have an overall planned economy with strong central agencies controlling that economy or a system of free enterprise with only local controls.

The split represents the difference between the political views of the American and British Governments.

2 Wounded In Fight Over Price Of Cigarettes

HONG KONG, May 5, (A.P.A.): An alleged overcharge of six pense for a packet of cigarettes resulted in the wounding of two men in a clash near Kowloon wharf last night between rival gangs of coolies. Knives, choppers and hatches were used.

U. S. MISSION FOR GREECE

'Advance Guard' To Speed Start Of Assistance

WASHINGTON, May 5 (A. P. A.): The U. S. State Department was yesterday mustering the "advance Guard" of Government economists and administrators who will speed the start of American assistance to Greece as soon as Congress takes final action on the dol. 400,000,000 Greco-Turkish Aid Plan.

Officials indicated that the first of these experts may be sent to Greece by plane.

Plans already prepared include:

Measures for the control of Greek economy, the tentative listing of most of the members of the mission which will number 50 or less; the commencement of broadcasts within the next few days to explain the "Truman doctrine" to the Greek people; and the canvassing of a possible chief for the mission.

Unofficial speculation on the leadership of the mission has named as possibility William Harrison, Vice-President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the former Senator, Albert La Follette, Milton S. Eisenhower, brother of General Dwight Eisenhower, and Mark Ethridge, Head of the United Nations Commission which investigated the Greek border fighting.

NO REPORT OF RIOTING IN WESTERN JAVA

Dutch Officials Deny Separatist Leader's Statement

BANDOENG, May 5, (A.P.A.): The Sundanese separatist leader, Soeriakartalegawa, told a press conference yesterday that "for some time" rioting has been frequent within sections o Western Java controlled by the Indonesian Republic.

Dutch and Indonesian Republican sources said they had no such reports.

Soeriakartalegawa said that information from underground sources indicated that Republican Sundanese areas were "in revolt". He said that the military phase of the 'revolt' consisted of individual or groups of two or three guerillas with no large-scale fighting.

Dutch and Indonesian officials reaffirmed that there were no reports of fighting from Western Java.

Soeriakartalegawa added that the United Nations would be asked to conduct a plebiscite of the Sundanese area, but meanwhile the separatists would maintain their own unrecognised "Government" of which he is president.

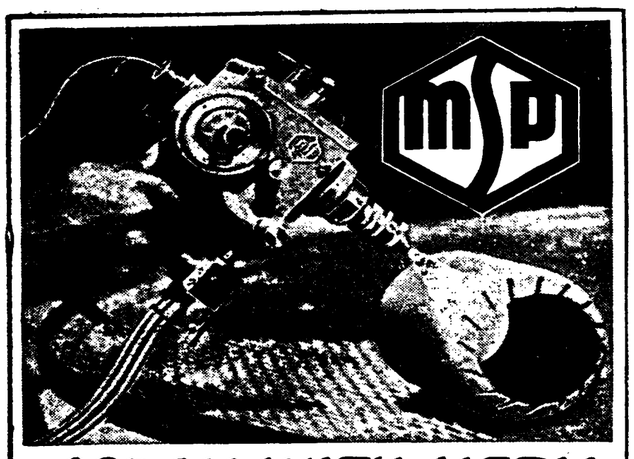
HIROHITO MEETS JAP JOURNALISTS

TOKYO, May 5, (A.P.A.): Emperor Hirohito wants to visit a coal mine. He told this to a group of Japanese reporters who encountered him while they watched rubble being removed from a palace building burnt during the war.

In the past the Emperor seldom met the Japanese Press and then only after weeks of negotiations.

Today he answered questions willingly; he volunteered the information that he wanted to travel extensively and if the opportunity arises, "visit a coal mine."

VIENNA, May 4 (UPA.) General Mark Clark, who will relinquish his post as Commander of the American Forces in Austria left today by train for Italy on the first leg of his return trip to the United States. Clark will become commander of the Seventh Army in San Francisco.



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Sharp Drop In Active Shares But Kohinoor Steady

HEAVY TENDERS DEPRESS COTTON PRICES

Silver Declines On General Selling And Poor Offtake

Bombay, May 5

As anticipated the Bombay Stock Exchange developed reactionary feeling with heavy unloading and some selling influenced by somewhat uncertain political situation. There was a marked absence of any buying except little covering otherwise the market ruled easy and Tata Steel shares recorded sharp decline.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2205 and declined at Rs. 2170. At this level scattered covering appeared and Defds rallied at Rs. 2187 but under renewed selling downturned at Rs 2145. Ordinary shares opened at Rs 412 and after touching Rs. 412/8 declined at Rs. 404/8. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1095 and improved at Rs. 1105, but later declined at Rs. 1070. Kohinoors recorded rapid price movement. After opening at Rs. 670 advanced at Rs. 677 but declined at Rs. 664. At this level there appeared professional support and hardened at Rs. 682 but again quietened at Rs. 670. Simplex shares opened at Rs. 340 and declined at Rs. 330. Swadeshi shares opened at Rs. 625 and after improving at Rs. 632 quietened at Rs. 624. Scindia shares were quiet at Rs. 31/6 while Central Bank shares opened at Rs. 105/8 and later changed hands at Rs. 104/4.

Towards the close there was persistent selling and the market closed at about the lowest level of the day with no support. Tata Steel Defds declined at Rs. 2130 and Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 401. Bombay Dyeings declined at Rs. 1050 and Kohinoors were done at Rs. 669.

Out of the whole list as a result of day's trading Kohinoor gained Rs. 5 while all active shares were down. Tata Steel Dfds declined Rs. 75 Ordinary Rs. 13 Dyeing Rs. 55 Swadeshi Rs. 9 Nagpur Rs. 8 Simplex Rs. 8 Gokak Rs. 2 Indore Rs. 17/8 and Burma Rs. 10.

MILLS.

Bombay Dyeing 1050 Kohinoor 669 Swadeshi 619 Nagpur 280 Simplex 329 New Great 366 Gokak 303 Indore 567/8 Century 905 Colaba 240 Indian Bleaching 162/8 Swan 368 Finlay X. D. 309 Morarji 625 Edward 682/8 Meyer 252/8 Apollo 4/7 I. U. Ord. 15/10 I. U. Dfd. 3/4 Madhusudan 305 Poddar 332/8 Khatau 305.

STEEL SHARES.

Tata Steel Ord. 401 Tata Steel Dfd. 2130 Second Pref. 168.

CEMENT

Associated Merger 175/8.

INDUSTRIES.

Burma 457/8 Bellapur 258 Shivrajpur 38 Scindia 31/2 P. Construction 198 Tata Chemical 16/2 Tata Oil 83/8 Indian Iron 33/14 Bengal Steel 26/2.

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tram Ordinary 117 Tata Hydro

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, May 5.

Apollo 4/6/6 4/7
Bharat 52
B. Dyeing 1095 1105 1077/8 92/8 67/8 75 40 50
C. India 287 84 79 82 80
E. Textiles 690 82/8
Elphinstone (Ord.) 92
Finlay 317 18 12 15 11 13 9
Gokak 305 3 7 3 5 3
I. U. (Defd.) 3/5 3/4
I. U. (Ord.) 15/15 15/10 15/1 16 15/11
Indore 583/12 71/4 81/4 65 72/8 67/8
Kohinoor 670 73 72 75 74 77 64 75 66 72 67 72 70 82 79 82 70 74 67 69
Madhusudan 305
Meyer 250 52/8
Model 207/8
New Union 19/8 19/10 19/6
New Great 372 67 71 66
Podar 335 32/8
Simplex 340 35 41 30 34 29
Swadeshi 625 29 21 30 28 32 24 26 17 19
Tata Mills 97 95/8

BANKS.

Baroda 166/8 65/8 66
Central 105/8 4 4/8 4
Habib 164 63/8
Imperial (Old) 2305 2300 2,8 2295
Imperial (New) 576/4 70
India 235/8
Reserve 118 18/8 17/8
Union 11/8 11/6
U. Commercial 77

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 160
B. Tram (Ord.) 118 17 18 17 17/8 17 17/8 17
B. (Pref.) 55 55/4 54/12 55
Hydro 178 77
Power 1720 25 22/8
New India Ass. 82/8 81 82 81/8
Scindhia Steam 32/6 31/4 31/9 31 31/6 31 31/2

STEEL.

B. Steel 27 26/9 26/10 26/2
I. Iron 34/4 34/8 34 34/2 33/14
Tata (Defd.) 2205 2170 87/8 45 60 30
Tata (Ord) 412 12/8 8/8 10/8 4/8 6 400 401
Tata (IInd Pref.) 169 67/8 68

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 590 65 70
A. C. C. (Old) 179 76/8 77/4 76/8 77 75/8
A. C. C. (New) 64 62 63/8
Belapur 266 64 65 63/8 65
B. B. (Old) 470 58/12 67/8 57/8
B. B. (New) 170 68/12
B. B. Petrol 3/12
I. Bleaching 161 62/8
P. Construction 204 198 200 198
Shivrajpur 37/8 38/8 38
Tata Chemical 16/6 16/2
Tata Oil 83 80 82
Wimco 262/8 60/10 62/8
Surat Elec. (New) 140
Estrela Baterles (Ord.) 40
Estrela Batteries (Pref.) 45.
177 Andhra 1580 X. D. Tata Power 1722/8.

MILLS (CASH).

Elphinstone 1250 Phoenix 1160 India Manufacturing 3700 Kooria 300 Dawn 1600 David 151/4 New City 240 Minerva 210 Bradbury 595 Bharucha (Defd.) 8 Bharat 52 Mysore 300 Madhavji 17 Model 207/8 Laxmi 1800 Vishnu 683/12 Western 3600 Standard 562/8 Sholapur 6000 Sassoon Cotton 24/8 Hindustan 3600 Tata 95/8 Ahmedabad Advance 460 Sassoon Silk 84/8 New Union 19/6 Madhusudan B. 60 Shrinivas 380 Raja Bahadur 116/4 Berar 375 Victoria 425.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH).

Ahmedabad 160 (New) 120 Surat 243/12 New Pref 140 Karachi 240 Broach 12/1 Ajmer 13/8 Amalgamated 20/4 Jalgaon 14/12 Nagpur 58 Poona 201/4 Bombay Suburban 202/8 Bombay Suburban (New) 164/10.

BANK SHARES.

Reserve 117/8 Imperial 2295 P. P. 570 Central X R 104 India 235/8 Union 11/6 Baroda 166 Habib 163/8 Dena Bank 60 United Commercial 77 Jaipur 64 Hindusthan Com. 47 Mysore 460 Exchange (Ord.) 53.

INSURANCE.

Oriental 5400 Empire 975 New India 82 Jupiter 34 Vulcan 15/14 Indian Mercantile 63 Universal Fire 18 Vasant 22/4 British India General 22/8 Industrial Prudential 45 Neptune 13/6 New Great 43 All-India General 40/4.

RAILWAYS.

C. P. 108/8 Mymensing 113 Guaranteed 113 Sara Sirajganj 116 Pachora 101 Mandra Bhon 116.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcack 570 Steamer 562/8 Burma New 168/12 Burma Petrol 3/12 Mackenzie 185 Port Canning 86 Kemp 575 Zandu Pharmacy 202/8 Indian Radio (Ord.) 377 Indian Radio B. 375 Indian Radio 361/4 Indian Investment Trust 106/8 Wimco X. R. 261/4 Dharamsey Chemical 40 Mukund Iron 14/12 Dena Trust 25 Alembic 355 Supreme India 228 Jamwire 141/8 Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 43/8 India Cement 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 325 United Motor 70 A.C.C. New 63/8.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 205 Tram 56/8 Andhra Valley 1390 Tata Power 1460 Hydro 143/8 Bombay Steamer 315 Nagpur 685 Swadeshi 150 Vishnu 822/8 Laxmi 306/4 New Great 268/12 Poddar 116 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 130 Bradbury 523/12 Surat Elec. 211/4 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 119 (2nd Pref.) 122/8 Amalgamated 156/4 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 122/8 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 120.

OUTSIDE SHARES.

Indian Copper 3/6 B. I. C. 9/12 Burma Corporation 4/7 New Victoria 5/8 New Victoria Preference 7 Raja 30 Phalton 125 Goa Mohar 370 New Kaiser-i-Hind 430 Sajjan 300 Osmanshahi 300 Ajamshahi 265 Air Services 16/8 Air India 187/8 Birla Motor 8/2/6 Marshal 7/12.

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GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, May 5.

The local Bullion Market was again quiet with increased selling. Demand for cash is decreasing and the market is gradually declining. The market is in the doldrums. The Committee appointed to fix rates for squaring up outstanding Vaishakh business failed to arrive at any agreement. In the meantime the Government is trying to improve the constitution and adopt a working contract which will be suitable to all traders. There is also a proposal to nominate additional Directors by the Government.

The market opened quiet with ready Silver quoted at Rs. 171|8 and under increased selling declined at Rs. 170|8. Ready gold opened at Rs. 109|12 and quietened at Rs. 109|4 while Sovereigns opened at Rs. 71 and declined at Rs. 70|12.

The market was very quiet and Silver declined further. Final quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	169	0	0
Ready Gold	108	12	0
Sovereigns	70	10	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, May 5.

The local cotton market was quiet today and July delivery is now about to reach floor level and thereafter there will not be any trading. This shows that narrow range between floor and ceiling price is mainly responsible for the present state Cotton on its own merit is very cheap at this level out Government control restricted exports and absence of mills demand are telling on the price structure.

The market opened today at Rs. 433|- for July delivery and declined at Rs. 432|8 under tired liquidation. September opened at Rs. 441 and declined at Rs. 440|8. There is very little desire to operate as the market outlook remains discouraging.

Today 19,450 Bales were tendered against May contract. So far 45,800 Bales are tendered and the local market was quiet with July quoted at Rs. 432 and September Rs. 440. Karachi Market suspended trading today as the price reached the floor of Rs. 45|6.

The market was quiet and touched the low level of the day at 4-30 p.m. The session concluded at under:

I. C. C. July	431	8	0
I. C. C. Sept.	439	0	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton July Contract is 1698 cent points below New York July at Exchange rate 331.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, May 5.

The local produce market was fairly firm on Government announcement in connection with linseed and castorseeds which will now be allowed for export. However reports from U.S.A. remain depressing with a decline of about 20 per cent in quotation from highest levels and resellers are offering at cheaper rates than importers. There is decrease in production and all vegetable products show little demand.

In the local market both linseed and castorseeds were firm with increased demand. Quotations were as under:

Groundnuts Khandesh quality Rs. 30|4, Coromondal Rs. 29|10 and Gold Rs. 29. Groundnuts Oil Ready Bombay Mills Rs. 18. May delivery Rs. 17|8 and June 17.12. Castorseeds May opened at a premium of Rs. 2|8 and later on hardened and buyers were paying Rs. 2|14 over the ceiling price. Ready were quoted at Rs. 28|14. Cawnpore Bold Rs. 27|6 and Navlakhi Rs. 28|3. Castorseeds Oil first pressing Rs. 21|8. Commercial quality Rs. 18. Linseed Ready Rs. 26|2. April|May delivery Rs. 26 and July August Rs. 26|2. Linseed Oil Rs. 16|8.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, May 5.

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INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, May 5.

Tata Ordinary 401 Tata Deferred 2130 Indian Iron 34/12 Steel Corpn of Bengal 26/2 Bombay Dyeing 1050 Central India 280 Gokak 303/2 Kohinoor 668/12 Simplex 329 Swadeshi 618/12 Tata Power 1722/8 Associated Cement 175/8 Belapur 258/2 Bombay Burma (Old) 457/8 Scindia 31/2 Central Bank 103/12 New India 81/14 Tata 2nd Pref. 168/2.

BANKERS CLEARING

Cheque delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending the 2nd May 1947 were as under.

Number of Cheques: 159361
Amount of Cheques: 45,29,10,457-10-6

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Weekly Review

NEW YORK, May 1.

Cotton after scoring fair-sized gains on reports that the War Department would purchase American cotton exclusively for shipment to Japan and the American and British occupied zones in Germany until January 1st 1948, prices broke sharply in response to President Truman's fourth plea for further price reductions by business. The reported cancellations of at least a hundred thousand bales of the 300,000 registered for shipment to China notwithstanding the recent credit arrangement by a local bank, and indications that some mills were curtailing operations and others reducing prices by ten per cent were additional depressing factors.

The unexpected upward revision in the mid-April parity price had only a momentary effect on the market as it was believed in some quarters that the recent general downtrend in prices still points to an ultimate sharp drop in mid-July parity on which the 1947 crop loan is based. Southern advices indicate that the recent sharp increases in spot sales in a leading market tended to relieve the tight supply situation somewhat, with producers and other holders appearing more anxious to dispose of their cotton before the new crop starts moving. Observers are directing more attention to new crop acreage prospects with one leading Southern bank recently predicting a 5 to 10 per cent increase in the South-Eastern belt, 20 per cent in the Central belt and 25 per cent in Texas and Oklahoma. Meanwhile fertilisers are reported to be extremely scarce and producers are unable to obtain more than 80 per cent of the tonnage received last year.

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

The Patel Cotton Co., Ltd., has issued the following weekly report:—

After reaching the highest level of the last six months during the course of the last week, the New York contract is again sagging. While the loss during the week under review, of the near deliveries is around 15 points that for the distant deliveries measures the distant deliveries measures about about 45 to 60 points.

On the other hand, Mid-April Parity price for cotton has further advanced by 12 points over the previous months (original) Parity, and as many as 37 points over the revised party figures, reaching a figure of 28.52—last year's corresponding figure being 22.40 only. The repeated instance of the U. S. A. President, however, on the need for lower prices, and a growing uneasiness of the textile price structure have had a bearish effect on the New York Cotton Market. Reports that certain Chinese contracts have been cancelled reinforced the bearish sentiment, resulting in a sharp decline, accompanied by nervous liquidation and stoploss sales. Reports of improved weather condition also aided the down-trend.

The Board of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has issued the following revised estimate of the 1946 Cotton Crop in U. S. A.:

Area in cultivation on July first. 18,190,000 acres.
Areas picked, 17,615,000 acres.
Yield per acre, 235.3 pounds.
Production in 500 lbs. Bales, 8,640,000 Bales.

A heated discussion over the abolition of the Liverpool Futures Market took place in the House of Lords this week, when the Cotton Bill came up for the second reading. The opposition expressed its grave misgivings about the future of the great industry in Britain. Lord Woolton (Conservative) describing the move as an 'act of industrial folly' Another critic thought that the prices would be subject to political pressure, with little relation to the world figures, and that the Cotton Commission would be lucky if it did not have to pay 10 per cent more than normal competitive prices. In reply to the criticism that the Liverpool International Market is being abolished, Lord Chorley, on behalf of Government, observed: "It is not true. Brokers and Merchants are being left perfectly free to deal in cotton provided it is not imported into this country." He said that it was one of the duties of the Cotton Commission to import cotton for purposes of re-export abroad and merchanst in Liverpool would be encouraged to continue as much of that business as available.

The Bombay forward market advanced to an encouraging level of 439-1/4 for July towards the end of the last week. Unwilling to take May delivery, some of the buyers were obviously, transferring their comittments to the July contract which, therefore appreciated slightly. A contributory factor was also a fair demand from Hongkong. But due to lack of follow through on the July contract, easiness resulted. On the 1st May, however, the Market suddenly crashed to 432-1/2, under the weight of heavy tenders for the May contract, amounting to 25,350 B/s. The May contract is already quoted at a heavy discount. And the nervousness has extended to July as well, as the tenders on the very first day were greater than expected, reflecting the position of heavy stocks. Thereafter recovering slightly, the market closed at 434-1/4 for I.C.C. July, this day.

The Member for Industries and Supplies, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, has emphasised, in his convocation address at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, that life is not possible, without controls and that contro will continue to stay in the world hereafter. As a visible proof, the citizens of Bombay have found half their cloth rations being cut off, with effect from 1st January 1947. When we contrast this position with the repeated assertions of well-known Bombay Millowners that there are vast surpluses of unwanted cloths, lying with them, it becomes difficult to comprehend the purpose of the drastic reduction in our cloth rations.

Control Of Capital Issues

Consent for over Rs. 58 crores in respect of 157 companies was given during the period October 1, 1946, to December 31, 1946, under the Control of Capital Issues Scheme, according to the latest complete statistics available. The total amount applied for in the period was about Rs. 71 crores in respect of 200 companies, and the amount refused was about Rs. 12 crores in respect of 43 companies. The difference (Rs. one crore) between the sum of "consents" and "refusals" and the amount applied for represents cases in which only partial consent was given.

The total figure for consents included over Rs. 30 crores for industrial concerns, of which 21 were for long-range schemes. Under the head Non-industrial, the total figure was about 28 crores, of which 14 crores were long-range.

The breakdown of these figures into Industrial and Non-industrial issues is as follows.—

	Amount Applied for (In crores of rupees)	Amount Approved (In crores of rupees)
Industrial	34.57	30.47
Non-industrial	36.34	27.68

The refusals in respect of Industrial issues amounted to Rs. 3.7 crores, and for Non-industrials less than 8 crores. The principal elements entering into the latter figure related to banks and trading concerns (4 crores and 3 crores respectively.)

Schemes for which approval was given are classified as 'Immediate' and 'Long-range'. For the period under review the total amount allowed for Long-range schemes was Rs. 35.44 crores, for immediate issues Rs. 23 crores was allowed.

Classified according to Industrial and Non-industrial issues, the figures show that for Industrials consent for Rs. 21 crores was given for Long-range schemes and 9.13 crores for immediate. Non-industrials were: Rs. 14.10 crores Long-range, and Rs. 13.58 crores Immediate.

SHARE OF INDIAN STATES

Of the permitted Capital issues during the period under review, the share of Indian States totalled 5.54 crores in respect of 15 companies. The total refusals amounted to Rs. 85 lakhs in respect of 5 companies. Of the aggregate amount of consents the figure for Long-range schemes was Rs. 2.95 crores for seven companies, there being no refusals. The breakdown into Industrial and Non-industrial issues is: Industrial, 4.52 crores; Non-Industrial, 1.02 crores.

In assessing the Indian States share, it should be noted that applications from the States relate only to permission for issue of recognition in British India.

INDUSTRIAL ISSUES

During the period under review consent was given in respect of 90 companies involving an aggregate capital issue of Rs. 30.47 crores for Industrial purposes. Approximately 1/3rd. (Rs. 9.13 crores) of this was for Immediate schemes and the remaining 2 3rds was for Long-range schemes.

These Industrial issues are divided into 33 groups. Papers and Strawboard is at the head of the list, with Spinning and Weaving mills second, and Mining and Quarrying, third. The following is a detailed list of consents according to industry in British India and outside (Indian States), ranged according to the amount of capital permitted. Figures in brackets indicate amount of capital for Long-range schemes.

PAPERS AND STRAWBOARD: Rs. 5.45 crores (all Long-range) for 5 concerns in British India. No refusals and no outside concerns.

SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS: Rs. 2.54 crores (Rs. 2.03 crores) for 10 concerns in British India; Rs. 2.40 crores (all Long-range) for 4 concerns outside.

MINING AND QUARRYING: Rs. 3.16 cores (Rs. 48 lakhs) for 13 concerns in British India.

SUGAR MANUFACTURE: Rs. 1.90 crores (Rs. 1.56 crores), for 7 concerns in British India.

—ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES: Rs. 1.55 crores (Rs. 1.50 crores) for 3 concerns in British India.

JUTE SPINNING AND WEAVING: Rs. 1.50 crores (the whole amount Long-range), for one concern in British India.

RUBBER MANUFACTURE: Rs. 1.50 crores (the whole amount for Immediate Schemes) for one concern outside.

NON-FERROUS METALS: Rs. 1.35 crores (Rs. 5 lakhs) for 5 concerns in British India; Rs. 10 lakhs (all Immediate) for one concern outside.

CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS: Rs. 1.11 crores (Rs. 1 crore), for 2 concerns in British India.

SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIRS: Rs. 1 crore (Rs. 1 crore), for one concern in British India.

ENGINEERING—GENERAL Rs. 85 lakhs (Rs. 80 lakhs) for 3 concerns in British India: Rs. 12.50 lakhs (all Immediate) for one concern outside.

Other industries for which permission was granted for the issue of capital were: Iron and Steel making, Automobiles, Chemicals (Heavy), Fine Chemical (including Pharmaceuticals), Vegetable Fats, Oil Mills, Soap, Glass, Surgical Instruments, Plywood Factories and Tea Box Manufacture, Woollen and Worsted Mills, Clothing Factories, Knitting Factories, Plastics, Tobacco, Salt manufacture.

Of the total Industrial issues Rs. 18 crores represents Initial and Rs. 8.31 crores Further Issues for British India. The figures for areas outside British India are Rs. 4.43 crores and Rs. 10 lakhs respectively.

NON-INDUSTRIAL ISSUES

Consent was given during the period under review for about Rs. 28 crores in respect of 67 companies. This amount was divided almost equally between Long-range and Immediate schemes.

The Non-industrial schemes are classified under four major groups, (Agricultural, Financial, Trade and Transport, Other Services), comprising 18 heads. The Trade and Transport Group heads the list, followed by the Financial Group. The largest amount of permitted capital is shown under Shipping concerns (Rs. 12.04 crores) which falls in the Trade and Transport Group. "Investment Trusts (Rs. 2.50 crores) under the Financial Group comes second, and "Advertising and Publicity Concerns" (Rs. 1.95 crores) under the Other Services Group is third. Details follow of consents for British India and the States. (figures in brackets indicate the amount permitted for long-range schemes).

AGRICULTURAL. Total consents, British India, Rs. 1.28 crores (Rs. 25 lakhs). Outside. Rs. 65 lakhs—Immediate).

PLANTATIONS: Rs. 10 lakhs (Immediate) for one concern in British India. Rs. 11.56 lakhs (Immediate) for one concern outside.

AGRICULTURAL AND LAND IMPROVEMENT: Rs. 64 lakhs (Immediate) for 2 concerns in British India.

DAIRIES AND FISHERIES. Rs. 50 lakhs (Rs. 25 lakhs) for two concerns in British India.

FINANCIAL. Total consents in British India: Rs. 7.83 crores (Rs. 60 lakhs) Outside. Rs. 65 lakhs—Immediate.

BANKS: Rs. 1.42 crores (Immediate) for 13 concerns in British India; Rs. 30 lakhs (Immediate) for two concerns outside.

INDIGENOUS CREDIT AGENCIES Rs. 76 lakhs (Immediate) for one concern in British India.

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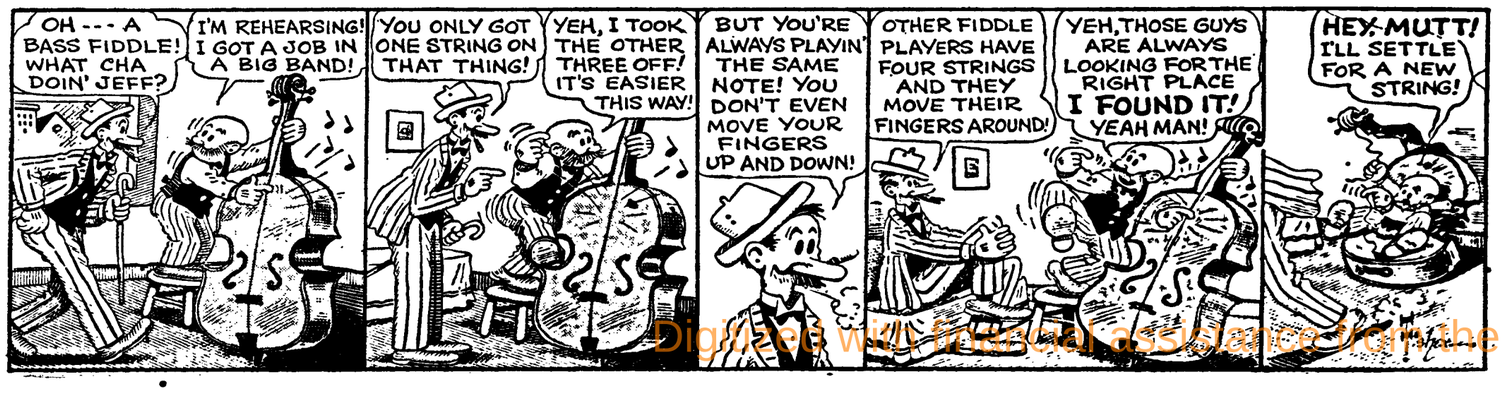
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SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE:—Tender No. RCS 33567|MMH.

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Deputy General Manager (Personnel),
Oudh Tirhut Railway,
Gorakhpur

Canvassing in any form either by, or on behalf of, a candidate will be treated as a disqualification and applications received after the time and date mentioned above will not be considered.

(Sd.) H AHMAD.
Deputy General Manager (P),
Oudh Tirhut Railway.
29-4-1947. 3362

CHANGE IN TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Kindly note that our Telephone numbers are changed to:

32021 & 32022 (two lines).

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.
Fort, Bombay. (3408)

DISPOSALS

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the purchase of the entire quantity or portion thereof of the following stores located at R.I.N. Chinchpokli Cable Depot, Bombay. Tenders for entire lot will be given preference.

CABLE ELECTRIC NO. 98368 RUBBER INSULATED CANVAS REINFORCED 220V DC, NO. OF CORES ONE, NUMBER OF WIRES IN CONDUCTOR 37 EACH OF DIA 0.093—QTY. 130185 YDS.

SUBSCRIBE REFERENCE TENDER No. DGD/EG-4/SR-50819

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDER:—15-5-1947.

OFFERS TO REMAIN OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE TILL:—15-6-1947.

EARNEST MONEY:—10% of the value quoted, deposited in Imperial/Reserve Bank/Government Treasury in favour of Director General of Disposals, New Delhi.

Tender forms giving details of the stores can be obtained together with permits to view from the cashier, Director General of Disposals, New Delhi, Regional Commissioners/Deputy Regional Commissioners (Disposals) Calcutta, Bombay Cawnpore, Lahore, Karachi and Madras on payment of Rs. 5/- each in cash/Money orders.

Note:—Cheques/Postal orders will not be accepted either as price of tender forms or earnest money.

Sales are subject to conditions laid down in form Con. 117.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DISPOSALS
C. P. & M DIRECTORATE.
NEW DELHI. 3323

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for two posts of Sub-Divisional Officers for the District Local Board, East Khandesh Jalgaon in the grade 100-5/2-150 (likely to be revised) with Rs. 75 p.m as P.T.A. and Dearness Allowance and Interim pay according to Government orders. Those who have passed the B.E. (Civil) or D.C.E. Examinations of the Bombay University or any other equivalent examinations and have sufficient experience in roads, buildings and engineering works should only apply Selected candidates will have to join the posts at their own expenses. Applications should reach this office on or before 20th May, 1947, and those received after that date will not be considered.

(Sd.) B M WANI,
President,
District Local Board, E. K. 3395

PUBLIC NOTICES

R. C. TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, AHMEDABAD

APPLICATIONS are invited from the candidates domiciled in the Province of Bombay as defined in the Government Recruitment Rules for the following posts:—

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Mechanical Engineering Section:
1 Head and 1 Lecturer.
Electrical Engineering Section:
1 Head, 1 Lecturer and 1 Laboratory Demonstrator
Civil Engineering Section:
1 Lecturer and 3 Demonstrators in Surveying.
TEXTILE DEPARTMENT
1 Lecturer in Weaving and 1 Lecturer in Spinning.
DYEING AND BLEACHING DEPARTMENT
1 Head and 1 Lecturer.
GENERAL
1 Junior Lecturer in Mathematics, and 1 Junior Lecturer in English and Economics.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

HEADS:—Should have a Degree in their respective line with at least 4 years' practical experience For Dyeing Department, he should have a Degree in Textile Chemistry.

LECTURERS:—Should have a Degree or a First Class Diploma in their respective branches with at least 2 years' practical experience.

LABORATORY DEMONSTRATORS:—Degree or Diploma in the respective branch with at least one year's practical experience.

JUNIOR LECTURER IN MATHEMATICS:—1st or 2nd Class B.A., or B.Sc. with Mathematics as principle subject.

JUNIOR LECTURER IN ENGLISH AND ECONOMICS:—At least B.A. (Hons.) with English or Economics.

Teaching experience will be considered an added qualification for all the above posts.

SCALES OF PAY:—

Heads:—Rs. 170-10-250 E.B.-15-400-E.B.-20-500 (to be started at Rs. 310/- per month)
Lecturers:—Rs. 170-10-250
Laboratory Demonstrators and Junior Lecturers:—Rs 100-10-170.

A higher initial salary in any of the above grades may be given to a candidate with specially good qualifications or additional experience.

ADDITIONAL PAY, WAR ALLOWANCE AND DEARNESS ALLOWANCE:—These will be given as per Government orders from time to time. Present orders for additional pay are Rs. 10/- for salaries of Rs. 40/- and over.

Dearness or War allowance:—Rs. 26/- for salaries of Rs. 40/- and over or at 17½% of salary, whichever is greater. AGE: Not more than 35 for Heads of Departments and sections and not more than 32 for other technical posts.

All the above appointments will be, in the first instance, for one year only, on temporary basis. Candidates will have to join on or before 1st July, 1947 at the R C. Technical Institute, Ahmedabad. They shall have to appear for interview at Bombay at their own cost. They will not be entitled to Travelling Allowance for joining their appointments at Ahmedabad.

The applications should be submitted giving details of general and technical education, practical experience, domicile, age, caste and sub-caste, etc. on the prescribed form (which will be supplied on request, together with details of qualifications and experience required for each post) so as to reach the undersigned on or before 19-5-1947. Preference will be given to candidates from Backward Classes and Muslims. Preference will also be given to candidates with Approved war service.

Canvassing directly or indirectly will disqualify the candidate.

T. A. DESAI,
Principal,
R. C. Technical Institute,
Ahmedabad.
Dated, 2nd May, 1947. 3394

ANDHRA UNIVERSITY
TENDERS INVITED

SEALED TENDERS for the construction of the Eight Quarters for Professors in the University Campus, Waltair under Schedule contract system will be received by the Registrar, Andhra University, Waltair upto 12 noon on Monday, the 2nd June, 1947. Schedules, specifications and plans can be had from the Registrar on payment of Rs. 25. 3402

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND.
SURGICAL REGISTRAR AND TUTOR, G. T. HOSPITAL, BOMBAY.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED before 28-6-1947 from natives of Bombay Province for the honorary full-time tenure post of SURGICAL REGISTRAR AND TUTOR G T HOSPITAL, BOMBAY.

HONORARIUM Rs. 250 per mensem. The selected candidate will have to reside in the hospital. Private practise not allowed.

QUALIFICATIONS —M.S., F.R.C.S. or F.C.P.S. A student registered with the University for the M.S. degree may be accepted if he has done at least two resident house appointments Experience of House appointments in a teaching Hospital essential. AGE.—Not more than 32 years on 1-9-1947. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3 1/2 annas stamps and UNCROSSED postal order for Re 1 payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will supply full details on request 3396

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTE

APPLICATIONS stating age and qualifications are invited for the following posts at the Co-operative Training College, Poona:—

PROFESSOR OF BANKING: Grade Rs. 230-400 plus Dearness Allowance. Qualifications: Master's degree in Arts or Commerce with Banking as special subject and practical experience of Co-operative banking. PART-TIME LECTURER IN CO-OPERATIVE AND OTHER LAWS. Honorarium Rs. 100 - per month. Qualifications—Practising lawyer with experience of Co-operative Law. PART-TIME LECTURER IN ACCOUNTANCY AND AUDITING. Honorarium Rs. 100 - per month. Qualifications — Professional Accountant or Auditor with experience of Co-operative auditing. Applications should be addressed to the Hon Secretary, 9, Bakehouse Lane, Fort, Bombay to reach him on or before the 12th May, 1947. (3407)

THE SWASTIK OIL MILLS LIMITED
NOTICE

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of SWASTIK OIL MILLS LIMITED, will be held on Thursday, the 29th May, 1947 at 11 A.M. at the Office of Messrs. Bakubhai Ambalal & Co., 27, Bastion Road, Fort, Bombay.

1. To adopt Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To re-elect Mr. C S. Patel as Director under Article 100.
4. To elect Directors in place of Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas and Mr Narottam Lalbhai, who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election.
5. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
SARABHAI SONS LIMITED
VIKRAM A SARABHAI.
Director.
Agents.
Bombay, 24th April, 1947. 3401

THE INDIA UNITED MILLS LTD.

TEMPORARY transfer receipts Nos. 3/5897 and 3/5898 of the abovementioned Company for 100 Ordinary shares Nos 1669401/1669500 standing in the name of Prof. Feroz Din Murad have been lost and the undersigned has applied to the Company for the issue of duplicates of the said temporary transfer receipts

Any person having any objection to The India United Mills, Ltd., issuing duplicates of the said temporary transfer receipts should lodge such objection with the Company at its Registered Office at E. D. Sassoon Building, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, within one month from this date: otherwise the Company will proceed to issue the duplicate temporary transfer receipts

F D. MURAD.
Signature.
Date 6-5-47. 3408

PUBLIC NOTICES

INDIAN IRON AND STEEL CO. LTD.
NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING NOTICE has been issued by the Directors of the Indian Iron and Steel Co Ltd., at a meeting held on 29th April 1947.

"As a result of the loss of production due to complete cessation and interruption of operations during a period extending to almost six months (including four months of the strike) your Directors regret that they are unable to make a distribution of any Interim Dividend, which has been the custom in the past

By Order of the Board,
BURN & CO
Managing Agents.
Dated 30th April, 1947
12, Mission Row,
Calcutta. 3403

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED to fill eight temporary posts of Sub-divisional Publicity Organiser under the Chief Minister's (Publicity) Department, Government of Bengal Of these posts 4 are reserved for Muslims 3 for non-Muslims and 1 for a member of the Scheduled Castes. Pay—the pay attached to each of these posts is Rs. 70 - per month plus an ad-interim increase in pay of Rs 10 - per month and the usual dearness allowance Age must not ordinarily be more than 45 years on 1st May, 1947 Qualifications—A candidate must be a good organiser capable of addressing gatherings and acquainted with the daily life of rural Bengal must have passed the I.A. or I.Sc examination, except in a case of outstanding ability in public speaking and organisation The selected candidates will as far as possible, be posted to the Sub-divisions to which they belong. Full details and application form may be obtained from the office of the Public Service Commission, Bengal, Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta, personally or on sending an addressed envelope with a nine pies stamp affixed. They will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps Candidates who are unable to obtain copies of the prescribed form may apply on any printed or typed form, a sample of which was published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 21st November 1946 provided that the form used is of the size and shows exactly the wording and spacing, of the sample form that the words of the sample are not reproduced in hand-writing and that the blanks are filled in the candidates' own hand-writing Last date for receipt of applications, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 20th May 1947 (3402)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
TENDER NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the work of "Construction of a permanent screen wall at the new drying ground for Dhobis at Mahalaxmi kutchra siding returnable on the 16th May 1947, not later than 1 P.M (B T)

Tender forms containing directions to tenderers can be had at Rs 5 - per copy from the office of the Special Engineer Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay

By order of the
Municipal Commissioner.
(3405)

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